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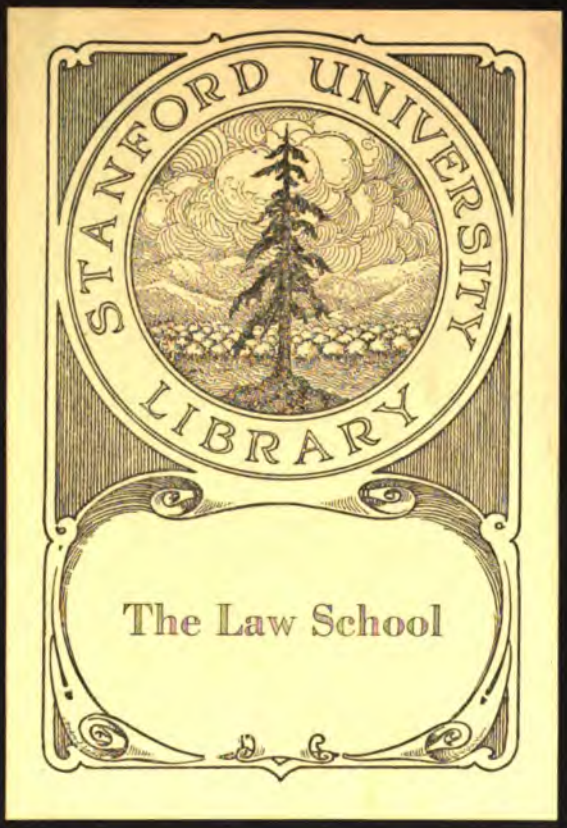
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NOTE.

AN unfortunate gap occurs in the Diary of the Corporation between the years 1602 and 1622. It is impossible to explain the loss of this important section of the Town Records, except by the conjecture that it was lost or mislaid during the troubles of the Civil War, or possibly that the volume may have been required to be produced in some litigation in which the Corporation was concerned, and the book never returned to the custody of the Town Clerk.

The deficiency, however, is partly supplied from the Entries in another Manuscript, which condensed and summarized the ordinary Minutes of the transactions of the Corporation, and commences on March 2, 1604.

This Volume is thus described in the Calendar of MSS. of Reading Corporation, drawn up by the Rev. W. D. Macray in 1886, and published in the Eleventh Report, Appendix, part VII, of the Historical Manuscripts Commission, 1888:—[No. xlviii.] "A folio Volume, containing a Register of Elections of Members of the Corporation, and Officers, with notes in the latter part of Leases sealed, &c., from 1603 to 1665."

The Entries in this Volume are copied down to the 30th of September, 1622, when the Diary proper is again resumed.

EDITOR'S PREFACE.

THE Second Volume of the Corporation Diary embraces the period from the first year of James I to the fifth of Charles I, (March, 160$\frac{3}{4}$ — December, 1629.)

As the First Volume ends with October, 1602, and as Volume II does not commence until March 2, 1604, it is evident that a period of sixteen months between these dates is a complete blank, which it is impossible to supply from any other source. This accounts for the fact that no record exists of the death of the Great Queen (March 24, 1603), nor of the Proclamation in this Town of the Accession of James I to the Throne.

We have before mentioned (*see Note*) that the entire portion of the MS. Diary of the Corporation, which is missing, extends from Oct. 1602 to Sept. 1622; but, with the exception above stated, most of the gap has been fortunately supplied by another document, entitled "The Register of the Nomynation, Election, Contynuaunce and Succession of the Mayor and Burgesses of the Boroughe of Readinge, [&c.]" From this source we have been able almost to fill in the missing link, resuming the Diary proper in October, 1622.

It is much to be regretted that this brief "Register" or Summary was chiefly used for the financial affairs of the Corporation and, therefore, that many political events of that period received no notice. No references occur to the early years of the Stuart dynasty, or to the death of Henry, Prince of Wales (the young "Marcellus" of his day), though there is an allusion on page 52 to the marriage of the Princess Royal, Elizabeth of Bohemia. We are, however, able to trace very clearly the continuity of Municipal Government and the gradual development of the Town in commercial importance and prosperity.

A considerable impulse was given to the extension of the Town by the Charter of Queen Elizabeth, and by the increase of trade which naturally followed the enlargement of Municipal liberties. We may gather the increasing prosperity of the inhabitants from the busy activity of the Markets and Fairs, from the large number of Victuallers and Inns, and from the dignity with which the offices of the Mayor and Capital Burgesses were regarded.

In the erection of new tenements the Town seems to have expanded but slowly. The houses were, for the most part, densely congregated within a narrow area, and on an examination of Speed's map, A.D. 1611, it will be seen how small a space was really covered by the low and unsanitary dwellings of the trading population.

The Analytical Table of Contents will furnish a convenient reference to all matters connected with the Civil Government, Trade and Social condition of the Town during the period covered by this Volume.

Facsimiles of pages 253 and 288 of the MS. Diary have been inserted, to face pages 351 and 387 of this Volume. They may be interesting, as illustrative of the style and handwriting of the period.

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[1] The Register of the

Nomynation, Election, Contynuaunce and Succession of the Mayor and Burgesses of the Boroughe of Readinge, in the coumtye of Berk', and of all their inferyour Officers within the said Boroughe, accordinge to the custome there used, and of their solempne Meetinges, Consultacions, Orders, Acts and Lawes, from tyme to tyme had, made, concluded and agreed in their Guyldhall, for and concerninge the governement of the said Boroughe, and alsoe of all their severall Accomptes of the yearlye Rentes and Proffyttes of their Guyldhall yearly arisinge from henceforwardes as followeth [2].

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p. 5. [Burgus de Readinge in com. Berk', *in margin.*] Nomina Majoris et Burgensium burgi predicti anno Domini 1603 annoque regni domini nostri Jacobi regis nunc Anglie, etc., primo [3].

Capitales Burgenses.

Richardus Turnor, *Major.* Thomas Lydall, Thomas Deane, Robertus Reve, Barnardus Harrison, Johannes Blake, Edwardus Burningham, Thomas Turnor, Nicholaus Gunter.

Secundarii Burgenses.

Petrus Hardye, Walterus Watlington, Robertus Maulthus, Josephus Carter, Johannes Newman, Walterus Bye, Willelmus Maulthus, Edwardus Lamboll, Johannes Bagley, sen., Willelmus Iremonger, Christopherus Turnor, Rogerus Knighte.

Die Veneris, scilicet, secundo die Marcii anno regni domini nostri Jacobi, Dei gratia, Regis Anglie, Scocie, Frauncie et Hibernie, fidei defensoris, etc., videlicet, Anglie, Frauncie et Hibernie primo, et Scocie tricesimo septimo, annoque Domini 1603.

[1] p. 1; pp. 2 – 4 are blank.
[2] Below, in a late hand, 'from 1603 to 1665, being a period of 62 years.'
[3] 1 James I = 24 Mar. 1603 – 23 Mar. 1604.

The daye and yeare abouesaid, the said Mayour and Burgisses beinge all assembled in their Guildhall, it was graunted and agreed that Mr. John Denyson, Vicar of the Churche of St. Lawrence in Readinge, shall haue vj*li.* per annum to be paid him out of the Guildhall, quarterlye, xxx*s.*, and the first payment thereof to begin at the feast of tha Nativitye of Sainct John Baptist next ensueinge the date above written, soe alwayes and uppon this condicion, that the said Mr. Denyson shall make a sermon in St. Lawrence Churche uppon everye meetinge daye, beinge a quarter daye, uppon the daye of election of the newe Mayor and uppon the daye in whiche the newe Mayor shall take his oath, from hencefourth, the said Mr. Denyson havinge reasonable warninge of those severall dayes.

[p. 6.] Die Lune, videlicet, duodecimo die Marcii, anno regni domini nostri Jacobi, Dei gratia, regis Anglie, Frauncie et Hibernie primo, et Scotie tricesimo nono, fidei defensoris, etc.

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Memorandum quod die et anno supradictis accepimus de Edmundo Dunche armigero, vicecomite comitatus Berk', Precepe pro elexione Burgensium Parliamenti pro burgo predicto, virtute cuius precepti elegimus Burgenses prout patet per indenturam in forma sequente, videlicet, Hec indentura facta duodecimo die Marcii, anno regni domini nostri Jacobi, Dei gratia, Anglie, Frauncie et Hibernie Regis, fidei defensoris, etc., primo, et Scotie tricesimo septimo, inter Ricardum Turnor, Majorem burgi de Readinge, in comitatu Berk', Burgenses et Communitates eiusdem burgi, ex una parte, et Edmundum Dunche armigerum, vicecomitem comitatus Berk', ex altera parte, Testatur quod predicti Major, Burgenses et Communitas burgi predicti unanimiter congregati ordinaverunt, elegerunt et nominaverunt Hieronimum Bowes militem et Franciscum Moore armigerum, dicti burgi Burgenses, ad comparendum coram prefato domino Rege in Parliamento suo

apud Westmonasterium decimo nono die Marcii proximo futuro tunc et ibidem unacum proceribus magnatibus Communitatis regni Anglie super negociis in preceptis eisdem Majori et Burgensibus exinde confectis et recitatis, In cujus rei testimonium tam predicti Majoris et Burgensium sigillum suum commune quam prefatus Vicecomes sigillum officii sui hiis indenturis alternatim apposuerunt. Data die et anno supradictis.

[p. 7.] Die Sabbati, videlicet, primo die Septembris anno regni domini nostri Jacobi, Dei gratia, Regis Anglie, Scotie, Frauncie et Hibernie, fidei defensoris, et videlicet, Anglie, Frauncie et Hibernie secundo[4], et Scocie tricesimo octavo.

Capitales Burgenses.

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Secundarii Burgenses.

Petrus Hardye, Walterus Watlington, Robertus Maulthus, Josephus Carter, Johannes Newman, Walterus Bye, Willelmus Maulthus, Edwardus Lambold, Johannes Bagley, senior, Willelmus Iremonger, Christoferus Turnor, Rogerus Knighte.

Comparuerunt et convenerunt apud et in Guihalda dicti Burgi et adtunc et ibidem prefati Major et Capitales Burgenses nominaverunt et assignaverunt tres homines ex gravioribus et discretioribus adtunc existentibus Capitalibus Burgensibus burgi illius, videlicet, Robertum Reve, Barnardum Harrison et Thomam Lydall, in eum finem et intencionem quod predicti Major et residui Capitales Burgenses elegerunt unum ex illis tribus sic per prefatos Majorem et Capitales Burgenses nominatis et assignatis in officium Majoris infra burgum predictum et libertates eiusdem exequendum et exercendum pro uno anno integro, videlicet, a festo Sancti Michaelis proximo sequente, et super hoc predicti Major et Burgenses elegerunt prefatum Robertum Reve ad officium Majoris infra burgum predictum et libertates eiusdem exequendum et exercendum pro uno anno integro a festo Sancti Michaelis proximo sequente secundum aucthoritatem, vim, formam et effectum literarum patentium dicti domini Regis eisdem Majori et Burgensibus concessarum et confirmatarum, etc.

p. 8. [Burgus de Readinge in com. Berk', *in margin.*] Die Lune, videlicet, primo die Octobris, anno regni domini nostri Jacobi,

[4] 2 James I = 24 Mar. 1604 – 23 Mar. 1605.

Dei gratia, Regis Anglie, Scocie, Frauncie et Hibernie, fidei defensoris, etc., videlicet, Anglie, Frauncie et Hibernie secundo, et Scotie tricesimo octavo.

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Comparuerunt et convenerunt in Guihalda eiusdem burgi, die et anno supradictis, et adtunc et ibidem predictus Robertus Reve ad officium Majoris et Clerici Marcati burgi illius electus, sacramentum suum corporale cepit et prestitit coram prefato Richardo Turnor, ultimo Majore burgi illius et ultimo predecessore suo in eisdem officiis secundum vim, formam et effectum literarum patentium domine Elizabethe nuper Regine Anglie, etc., prefatis Majori et Burgensibus concessarum, etc., et per dictum dominum Regem nunc, etc., eisdem Majori et Burgensibus confirmatarum, etc., et secundum vim, formam et effectum statuti inde editi et provisi, qui quidem Robertus Reve adtunc et ibidem nominavit, elegit et constituit constabularios, gardianos et omnes et singulos alios ministros burgi predicti, videlicet.

	Walterus Bye Walterus Ayer	Constabularii.
Alta Garda	Johannes Bagley, junior Barnard Feilder	Gardiani.
Minster Garda	Willelmus Elkyns Ricardus Watmore	Gardiani.
Nova Garda	Franciscus Benwell Willelmus Horne	Gardiani.
London Garda	Walterus Stubbes Christoferus Kenton	Gardiani.
Vetus Garda	Johannes Parre Ricardus Marquicke	Gardiani.

p. 9. [Burgus de Readinge in com. Berk'[5].] Die Veneris, videlicet, vicesimo primo die Decembris anno Domini 1604, annoque regni domini nostri Jacobi, Dei gratia, Regis Anglie, Scotie, Frauncie et Hibernie, fidei defensoris, etc., videlicet, Anglie, Frauncie et Hibernie secundo, et Scotie tricesimo octavo.

Capitales Burgenses.

Robertus Reve, *Major.* Richardus Turnor, Thomas Lydall, Thomas Deane, Barnardus Harrison, Johannes Blake, Edwardus Burningham, Thomas Turnor, Nicholas Gunter.

Secundarii Burgenses.

Petrus Hardye, Walter Watlington, Robertus Maulthus, Josephus Carter, Johannes Newman, Walterus Bye, Willelmus Maulthus, Edwardus Lambold, Johannes Bagley, senior, Willelmus Iremonger, Christoferus Turnor, Rogerus Knighte.

[Lease graunted to Mr. Barnard Harrison[5].] The daye and yeare abovesaid the said Mayor and Burgisses graunted a lease to Mr. Barnard Harrison of the house wherein he nowe dwelleth, beinge the land of John Alarder, for the terme of fower score yeares, (if himself, Christian his wiefe and Thomas his sonne, or any of them soe longe shall live,) at and for the yearly rent of fyve poundes, to be paid haulf yerely for the use of the Almesmen, with suche covenauntes as are usually put in other leases made by the said Mayor and Burgisses, and it shall begyn at Michaelmas last past, and it shalbe sealed the next meetinge daye.

[John Blake beinge not a freman was warned that he should not use his trade[5].] The said daye and yeare, John Blake the younger was forbidden that he should not use the trade of a clothier within the said boroughe of Readinge any longer then untill our Lady daye next, beinge not a freman.

[John Nashe, in misericordia, xx*s*[5].] The daye and yeare abovesaid a newe complaynte was made against John Nashe for usinge the trade of a fishmonger, beinge noe freman nor apprentice within the said boroughe, and beinge formerly forbidden to use the trade. He was fined at xx*s*. for his contempte for the time past.

[Roger Perce, in misericordia, xx*s*[5].] The daye and yeare abovesaid there was a fine of xx*s*. sett on the head of Roger Pearce for his

the margin.

contempte in usinge the trade of a barber within the said boroughe, beinge not a freman, and beinge formerly forbidden.

[Edward Kinge, in misericordia, xs[6].] The daye and yeare abovesaid there was a fine of xs. sett on the head of Edward Hacker, *alias* Kinge, for usinge the trade of a mercer within the said boroughe, he beinge not apprentice thereunto.

p. 10. [Burgus de Readinge in com. Berk'[6].] Die Lune, videlicet, vicesimo secundo die Februarii, anno Domini 1604, annoque regni domini nostri Jacobi, Dei gratia, Regis Anglie, Scotie, Frauncie et Hibernie, fidei defensoris, etc., videlicet, Anglie, Frauncie et Hibernie secundo, et Scocie tricesimo octavo.

Capitales Burgenses.

Robertus Reve, *Major.* Richardus Turnor, Thomas Lydall, Thomas Deane, Barnard Harrison, Edwardus Burningham, Thomas Turnor, Nicholas Gunter.

Secundarii Burgenses.

Petrus Hardye, Walterus Watlington, Robertus Maulthus, Josephus Carter, Johannes Newman, Walterus Bye, Willelmus Maulthus, Edwardus Lamboll, Johannes Bagley, senior, Willelmus Iremonger, Christoferus Turnor, Rogerus Knighte.

[Burgus de Readinge in com. Berk'[6].] Die Lune, videlicet, octavo die Aprilis, anno Domini 1605, annoque regni domini nostri Jacobi, Dei gratia, Regis Anglie, Scotie, Frauncie et Hibernie, fidei defensoris, etc., videlicet, Anglie, Frauncie et Hibernie tercio[7], et Scocie tricesimo octavo.

Capitales Burgenses.

Robertus Reve, *Major.* Richardus Turnor, Thomas Lydall, Thomas Deane, Barnardus Harrison, Edwardus Burningham, Thomas Turnor, Nicholas Gunter.

Secundarii Burgenses.

Walterus Watlington, Robertus Maulthus, Johannes Newman, Edwardus Lamboll, Johannes Bagley, senior, Rogerus Knighte.

The daye and yeare abovesaid Roger Pearce was commytted to warde by the said Mayor and Burgisses for his contempte in usinge his trade of a barbor within the said boroughe, not beinge a freman, and was fined at xls. to use his trade noe more in Readinge.

[6] *in the margin.* [7] 3 James I = 24 Mar. 1605 – 23 Mar. 1606.

p. 11. [Burgus de Readinge in com. Berk [8].] Die Veneris, videlicet, vicesimo quarto die Maii, anno Domini 1605, annoque regni domini nostri Jacobi, Dei gratia, Regis Anglie, Scocie, Frauncie et Hibernie, fidei defensoris, etc., videlicet, Anglie, Frauncie et Hibernie tertio, et Scotie tricesimo octavo.

Capitales Burgenses.

Robertus Reve, *Major.* Richardus Turnor, Thomas Lydall, Thomas Deane, Barnardus Harrison, Johannes Blake, Edwardus Burningham, Thomas Turnor, Nicholas Gunter.

Secundarii Burgenses.

Petrus Hardye, Walterus Watlington, Robertus Maulthus, Josephus Carter, Johannes Newman, Walterus Bye, Willelmus Malthus, Edwardus Lamboll, Johannes Bagley, senior, Willelmus Iremonger, Christoferus Turnor, Rogerus Knight.

[Lease to Robert Maulthus [8].] The daye and yeare abovesaid a lease was graunted to Robert Maulthus of the groundes called Potman brooke, for the terme of three lives, at the rent of xx*li.* per annum, xx*li.* to be paid for a fine and under the usuall condicions and covenauntes in other leases of the Hall landes conteyned.

The daye and yeare abovesaid Frauncis Blake did paye in the xxv*li.*, whiche he had held, parcell of the first hundred poundes of Sir Thomas White's money; whiche presently the same daye was delivered unto Symon Strowd, clothier, to have the use thereof untill Michaelmas, 1609, upon the sealinge of one indenture with usuall covenauntes and sufficient securitie for the performaunce of the covenauntes.

p. 12. [Burgus de Readinge in com. Berk [8].] Die Lune, videlicet, duodecimo die Augusti, anno Domini 1605, annoque regni domini nostri Jacobi, Dei gratia, Regis Anglie, Scotie, Frauncie et Hibernie, fidei defensoris, etc., videlicet, Anglie, Frauncie et Hibernie tercio, et Scotie tricesimo nono.

Capitales Burgenses.

Robertus Reve, *Major.* Richardus Turnor, Thomas Lydall, Thomas Deane, Barnardus Harrison, Johannes Blake, Edwardus Burningham, Thomas Turnor, Nicholas Gunter.

[8] *in the margin.*

Secundarii Burgenses.

Petrus Hardye, Robertus Maulthus, Josephus Carter, Walterus Bye, Willelmus Maulthus, Edwardus Lamboll, Johannes Bagley, senior, Willelmus Iremonger, Christoferus Turnor, Rogerus Knighte.

[Thomas Burges[9].] Memorandum quod die et anno supradictis predicti Major et Burgenses vocaverunt, nominaverunt, eligerunt et constituerunt in officium Secundarii Burgensis burgi predicti Thomam Burges, inhabitantem infra burgum predictum, qui quidem Thomas Burges cepit et prestitit sacramentum suum corporale coram prefatis Majore et Capitalibus Burgensibus ad officium suum predictum bene et fideliter exercendum et exequendum.

Memorandum etiam quod die et anno supradictis, virtute quarumdem literarum prenobilis Willelmi domini Knowlles pro et in commendacione cujusdam Edwardi Clarke, armigeri, elegendi ad officium Scenescalli curie burgi predicti, predicti Major et Burgenses eligerunt et constituerunt predictum Edwardum Clarke in officium Scenescalli curie burgi predicti sub tali condicione ut patet subter manum suum, qui quidem Edwardus Clarke postea cepit et prestitit sacramentum suum corporale coram prefatis Majore et Capitalibus Burgensibus burgi predicti ad officium suum bene et fideliter exercendum et exequendum.

p. 13. [Burgus de Readinge in com. Berk[9].] Die Veneris, scilicet, decimo quarto die Marcii, anno Domini 1605, annoque regni domini nostri Jacobi, Dei gratia, Regis Anglie, Frauncie et Hibernie quarto[1], et Scotie quadragesimo, fidei defensoris, etc.

Hed Burgesses.

Mr. Barnarde Harrison, *Mayor*. Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Thomas Lydall, Mr. Thomas Deane, Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Edward Burningham, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Peter Hardye, Walter Watlington, Robert Maulthus, Joseph Carter, Walter Bye, William Maulthus, Edward Lambold, John Bagley, senior, Willyam Iremonger, Christofer Turnor, Roger Knight, Thomas Burges.

[9] *in the margin.* [1] 4 James I = 24 Mar. 1606 – 23 Mar. 1607.

[John Alright[2].] At this daye John Alright, clothier, whoe before this tyme had practisd divers meanes to have the libertye and freedome of this boroughe as a freeman, by reason that he was apprentice unto John Reddat, whoe sometymes was a freeman there, did compounde with the said Mayor and Burgesses for his freedome and paid suche fine as by the next accompt of the Cofferer shall appeare.

[Burgus de Readinge[2].] Die Lune, scilicet, vicesimo quarto die Marcii, anno Domini 1605.

Hed Burgesses.

Mr. Barnarde Harrison, *Mayor.* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Thomas Lydall, Mr. Thomas Deane, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Edward Burningham.

At this daye the judgement exemplifyed under the great Seale against the Weavers' charter was openly read in the Guildhall unto John Charleton and Willyam Dibley, two of the master Weavers, forbiddinge them and the rest of their company, the Weavers, to use any aucthoritye supposed to be graunted unto them by their charter within this boroughe.

p. 14. [Burgus de Readinge[2].] Die Veneris, scilicet, decimo tertio die Junii, anno regni domini nostri Jacobi, Dei gratia, Regis Anglie, Frauncie et Hibernie quarto, et Scotie quadragesimo, fidei defensoris, etc., annoque Domini 1606.

Hed Burgesses.

Mr. Barnarde Harrison, *Mayor.* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Thomas Lydall, Mr. Thomas Deane, Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Edward Burningham, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Peter Hardye, Walter Watlington, Robert Maulthus, Joseph Carter, Walter Bye, Willyam Maulthus, Edward Lamboll, John Bagley, senior, Willyam Iremonger, Christofer Turnor, Roger Knight, Thomas Burges.

[Mr. Edwarde Clarke, th'elder[2].] At this daye Mr. Edward Clarke, the Stewarde, made request to the said Mayor and Burgesses that he might resigne his office of Stewardshippe to th'intent that Mr. Edward Clarke his sonne might be elected and admytted Steward in

[2] *in the margin.*

his roome, and to that end he brought one lettre from the Right Honorable the Lord Knowlles to signifye his good likinge thereof, and alsoe another lettre from Judge Willyams in commendacions of Mr. Edward Clarke, the younger, which lettres were both openly read before the said Mayor and Burgesses and well accepted, where-[Then High Steward [3]] upon the said Mr. Clarke, the Stewarde, then and there did freely resigne and surrendor his said office of Stewardshippe into the handes of the said Mayor and Burgesses and was contented from thencefourth to stand dischardged of the said office and of the proffittes thereof.

[Mr. Edwarde Clarke, junior[3].] At this daye Mr. Edwarde Clarke, the younger, was nomynated and chosen by the said Mayor and Burgesses to be Steward of this boroughe, under this condicion; that is to saye, thatt he shall from hencefourth be resiant and dwellinge within this boroughe of Readinge to th'intent that he shalbe aydinge and assistinge the said Mayor and Burgesses with his counsell at all tymes and in all thinges that shall touche or concerne the said boroughe, or the governement thereof, he havinge for his fee vj*li.* per annum and the proffittes of the courtes, and then and there in the presence of the said Mayor and Burgesses did take his oath, according to the auncyent order in that behaulf used for the execution of the said office accordinglye.

p. 15. [Burgus de Readinge[3].] Die Lune, videlicet, primo die Septembris, anno Domini 1606, annoque regni domini nostri Jacobi, Dei gratia, Regis Anglie, Scotie, Frauncie et Hibernie, fidei defensoris, etc., videlicet, Anglie, Frauncie et Hibernie quarto, et Scotie quadragesimo.

Capital Burgesses.

Mr. Barnarde Harrison, *Major.* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Thomas Lydall, Mr. Thomas Deane, Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Edward Burningham, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Peter Hardye, Walter Watlington, Robert Maulthus, Joseph Carter, Walter Bye, Willyam Maulthus, Edward Lamboll, John Bagley, senior, Willyam Iremonger, Christofer Turnor, Roger Knight, Thomas Burges.

[3] *in the margin.*

Comparuerunt et convenerunt apud Guihaldam dicti burgi et adtunc et ibidem prefati Major et Burgenses Capitales nominaverunt et assignaverunt tres homines ex gravioribus et discretioribus adtunc existentibus Capitales Burgenses burgi illius, videlicet, Thomam Lydall, Nicholaum Gunter et Thomam Deane in eum finem et intencionem quod predicti Major et residui Capitales Burgenses eligerunt unum ex illis tribus sic per prefatos Majorem et Capitales Burgenses nominatis et assignatis ad officium Majoris infra burgum predictum et libertates ejusdem exequendum et exercendum pro uno anno integro, videlicet, a festo Sancti Michaelis proximo sequente, et super hoc predicti Major et Burgenses eligerunt prefatum Thomam Lydall in officium Majoris infra burgum predictum et libertates ejusdem exequendum et exercendum pro uno anno integro a festo Sancti Michaelis Archangeli proximo sequente secundum aucthoritatem, vim, formam et effectum literarum patentium domine Elizabethe, nuper Regine Anglie, etc., eisdem Majori et Burgensibus concessarum, ut per dictum dominum Regem Jacobum, etc., eisdem Majori et Burgensibus confirmatarum, etc.

p. 16. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Veneris, scilicet, decimo nono die Septembris, anno regni domini nostri Jacobi, Dei gratia, Regis, Anglie, Scotie, Frauncie et Hibernie, fidei defensoris, videlicet, Anglie Frauncie et Hibernie quarto, et Scotie quadragesimo, 1606.

Capitales Burgenses.

Barnardus Harrison, *Major.* Richardus Turnor, Thomas Lydall, Thomas Deane, Robertus Reve, Johannes Blake, Edwardus Burningham, Thomas Turnor, Nicholaus Gunter.

Secondarii Burgenses.

Petrus Hardye, Walterus Watlington, Robertus Maulthus, Josephus Carter, Walterus Bye, Willelmus Maulthus, Edwardus Lambold, Johannes Bagley, senior, Willelmus Iremonger, Christoferus Turnor, Rogerus Knight, Thomas Burges.

[Frauncis Syekes, *in margin.*] At this daye Frauncis Syeckes was nomynated and elected one of the Secondarye Burgesses of this boroughe and the same daye he did take his oath to be one of the Secondarye Burgesses accordinge to the auncyent order in that behaulf used.

[The lease of the landes at Whitchurche[4].] At this daye a Lease of the tenement and landes in Whitchurche, formerly graunted to

[4] *in the margin.*

Thomas Harwood, the tenaunt thereof, was allowed and sealed for xxj yeares begun at the feast of St. Michaell th'Archaungell last past, at the rent of xl*s*. per annum, payable haulf yerely, videlicet, at the feastes of th'Annunciacion of our Lady and St. Michaell th'Archaungelle, or within 30 dayes after, by equall portions, and under the usuall covenauntes and condicions in that behaulf used, and the said lease was dated the daye and yere above written.

[The Lease of the tenement in Castle streete [5].] At this daye a Lease of the tenement in Castell Streete formerly graunted to Christopher Turnor was allowed and sealed for 99 yeares to begin at our Lady daye, whiche shalbe in the yeare of our Lord God 1611 (if Wynnefride his wief, Richard Turnor and Willyam Turnor, his two sonnes, or any of them, soe longe shall live), at the rent of xx*s*. per annum, payable haulf yearly, and under the usuall covenauntes and condicions in that behaulf used, and the said lease bearcth date the daye and yeare above written.

At this daye a Lease was graunted to Mr. Lydall, of all those six little stables and two gardens, whiche he holdeth of the said Mayor and Burgesses at the old Guildhall, for 99 yeres (if Roger Knight, Anne his wief, and Thomas their sonne, or any of them, live soe longe), at the rent of xl*s*. per annum, he payeinge 40*s*. for a fine and surrendringe his old leases at th'enseallinge of the newe.

p. 17. [Burgus de Readinge[5].] Die Lune, videlicet, sexto die Octobris, anno regni domini nostri Jacobi, Dei gratia, Regis Anglie, Scotie, Frauncie et Hibernie, fidei defensoris, etc., videlicet, Anglie, Frauncie et Hibernie quarto, et Scotie quadragesimo, annoque Domini 1606.

Capitales Burgenses.

Barnardus Harrison, *Major*. Richardus Turnor, Thomas Lydall, Thomas Deane, Robertus Reve, Johannes Blake, Edwardus Burningham, Thomas Turnor, Nicholaus Gunter.

Secundarii Burgenses.

Petrus Hardye, Walterus Watlington, Robertus Maulthus, Josephus Carter, Walterus Bye, Willelmus Maulthus, Edwardus Lamboll, Johannes Bagley, senior, Willelmus Iremonger, Christoferus Turnor, Rogerus Knight, Thomas Burges, Franciscus Syekes.

[A lease to Mr. Lydall of certen stables and gardens at the old Yeldhall [5].] At this daye a Lease of six little stables and two

[5] *in the margin.*

gardens lyenge at the olde Yeldhall, formerlye graunted to Mr. Lydall, was allowed and sealed for 99 yeares (if Roger Knight, Anne his wief, and Thomas their sonne, or any of them, soe longe shall live), at the yearly rent of xl*s*. per annum, payable haulf yearly, videlicet, at the feastes of th'Annunciacion of our Lady and Sainct Michaell th'Archaungell, or within 30 dayes, by equall porcions, and under the usuall covenauntes and condicions in that behaulf used, as is and by the lease thereof whose date is the xixth daye of September last past appeareth.

Ad hunc diem predicti Major et Burgenses comparuerunt et convenerunt in Guihalda ejusdem burgi et adtunc et ibidem predictus Thomas Lydall ad officia Majoris et Clerici Mercati burgi illius electus sacramentum suum corporale cepit et prestitit, coram prefato Barnardo Harrison ultimo Majore burgi illius et ultimo predecessore suo in eisdem officiis, secundum vim, formam et effectum literarum patentium domine Elizabethe, nuper Regine Anglie defuncte, prefatis Majori et Burgensibus concessarum, etc., et modo per dictum dominum Jacobum, Regem Anglie, etc. eisdem Majori et Burgensibus confirmatarum, etc., et secundum vim, formam et effectum statuti inde editi et provisi. Qui quidem Thomas Lydall adtunc et ibidem nominavit, elegit et constituit constabularios, gardianos et omnes et singulos alios ministros burgi predicti, videlicet,

	Rogerus Knight Stephanus Mathewe	Constabularii.
Alta Garda	Richardus Cane Johannes Alright	Gardiani.
Minster Garda	Johannes Asten Jacobus West	Gardiani.
Nova Garda	Thomas Pococke Thomas Norland	Gardiani.
London Garda	Richardus Chesterman Johannes Reddalle	Gardiani.
Vetus Garda	David Tirroll Richardus Burren	Gardiani.
	Willelmus Maulthus Robertus Maulthus	Cofferrarii.

p. 18. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Mondaye the xvth daye of December, 1606, annoque regni domini nostri Jacobi 4°.

Mr. Thomas Lydall, *Mayor.* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Robert

Reve, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter.

At this daye Mr. Barnard Harrison made his accomptes of all the rentes and somes of money geven to charitable uses, as alsoe of John Alarder's rentes geven to the Almesmen, whiche he was chargeable withall, in the last yeare whiche he was Mayor, and then and there his accomptes were made perfect and registred in the booke for charitable uses as thereby appeareth, folio 10.

At this daye alsoe Peter Hardye, cofferer for the yeare that Mr. Barnard Harrison was Mayor, made his accompt of all the rentes and proffittes of the Guildhall, as well certen as vncerteyne wherewith he was chargeable, and it was then and there taken in manner and forme as followeth, videlicet.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Inprimis, he was charged with one wholle yeares rent of the certen rentes	120	12	2
Item, he was charged with the rent of the markett tole for 40 weekes at 13*s.* 4*d.*	026	13	4
Item, he was charged with th'arrerages of Mr. Burningham's accompt	001	04	0
Item, he was charged with a fine for a contempt by Thomas Atwater	000	10	0
Item, he was charged with a parte of Mr. Turnor's fine for his lease	006	00	0
Item, he was charged with Mr. Lydall's fine paid for his lease	002	00	0
Item, he was charged with John Alrightes composition fine	002	00	0
Item, he was charged with Roger Pearce his composition fine	001	00	0
Item, he was charged with John Arther's composition fine	001	00	0
Item, he was charged with Raphe Allen's composition fine	000	05	0
Item, he was charged with the fredome money of ten apprentices	001	13	4
Item, he was charged with the extractes of Easter law-daye	000	08	0
Item, he was charged with the extractes of Michaelmas law-daye	000	01	8
Item, he was charged with a fine for a bludshed he received	000	03	4
Item, he was charged with a debt whiche Mr. Lydall did owe	005	00	0

Summa totalis — 168*li.* 12*s.* 2*d.* [*sic*]

	li.	s.	d.
Out of which he prayeth allowaunce of all those ordinarye and extraordinarye charges by him paid as followeth:			
Inprimis, paid Mr. Mayor's allowaunce for that yeare	60	00	00
Item, paid Mr. Edward Clerke the Stewardes fee	06	00	00
Item, paid Mr. Bird the schoolmaster's fee	10	00	00
Item, paid Mr. Denyson his allowaunce	06	00	00
Item, paid Mr. Okham the Baileyffes fee	02	00	00
Item, paid Wm. Wylmer the Towne Clerk	04	00	00
Item, paid John Allowaye the Sergeant his fee	01	10	00
Item, paid William Myles the Sergeant his fee	01	10	00
Item, paid Nicholas Childe his fee	00	10	00
Item, paid Mr. Blagrave the schoolmaster's house rent	03	06	08
Item, paid Mr. Blagrave for the Alley	00	00	08
Item, paid the skavenger for clensing the grates	01	13	04
Item, paid the Beadells for their wages	01	00	00
Item, paid Nicholas Childe for the afferer's dynner	00	13	04
Item, paid Thomas Farrer for his fee	00	08	00
Item, paid for makinge cleane the Markett place	04	00	00
Item, paid the poore of St. Giles for 40 weekes 2*s.* 6*d.* the weeke	05	00	00
[Ordinarye[6].] Summa — 106*li.* 12*s.* 00*d.* [*sic*]	106	12	00
[Extraordinarye[6].] Item, more paid and laid out about repayringe and amending the bridges and for other necessarie thinges within the charge of the Cofferer, the perticulers whereof at this presente tyme were seene and allowed	39	02	10
[Arrerages[6].] Item, more allowed in arrerages left to gather in this yere	09	16	08
Soe the wholle some of Charges ordinarye, extraordinarye and arrerages allowed upon this accompte is	155	11	06
Due to the Hall	13	01	08
Of whiche paid to Mr. Reve an olde debt	06	01	00
Rest in stocke for the next Cofferer to accompte	07	00	08

per me Willelmum Wilmer.

p. 19. [Burgus de Readinge[6].] Die Veneris, decimo nono die Decembris, anno Domini 1606, annoque regni Regis Jacobi 5° [*sic*].

[6] *in the margin.*

Capital Burgesses.

Mr. Thomas Lydall, *Mayor.* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Thomas Deane, Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Edward Burningham, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Peter Hardye, Walter Watlington, Robert Maulthus, Joseph Carter, Walter Bye, Willyam Maulthus, Edward Lamboll, John Bagley, senior, Willyam Iremonger, Christofer Turnor, Roger Knight, Thomas Burges, Frauncis Syekes.

At this daye Mr. Robert Maulthus did take his oath to doe the office of the Cofferer, accordinge to the order, &c.

[Burgus de Readinge [7].] Die Veneris, vicesimo septimo die Februarii, anno Domini 1606, annoque regni Regis Jacobi quinto [8].

Capitalle Burgesses.

Mr. Thomas Lydall, *Mayor.* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Thomas Deane, Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Edward Burningham, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Peter Hardye, Walter Watlington, Robert Maulthus, Joseph Carter, Walter Bye, Willyam Maulthus, Edward Lamboll, John Bagley, senior, Willyam Iremonger, Christofer Turnor, Roger Knight, Thomas Burges, Frauncis Syekes.

[Nota [7].] At this daye it was ordered and agreed by the said Mayor and Burgesses that towardes the relief of the visited people, and for the mayntenaunce of watchmen and keepers, a taxe after the rate of one monethes payment by the collection bookes shalbe fourthwith levyed amoungest th'inhabitauntes and expended by the oversight of honest men in that behaulf to be apoynted. See the statute 1° Jacobi.

p. 20. [Burgus de Readinge [7].] Die Veneris, xxix° die Maii, anno Domini 1607, annoque regni Regis Jacobi 5°.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Thomas Lydall, *Mayor.* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Thomas Deane, Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Edward Burningham, Mr. Thomas Turnor, *abs.*, *misericordia*, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *abs.*

[7] *in the margin.* [8] 5 James I = 24 Mar. 1607 – 23 Mar. 1608.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Peter Hardye, Walter Watlington, *abs. lic.*, Robert Maulthus, Joseph Carter, Walter Bye, Willyam Maulthus, Edward Lamboll, John Bagley, senior, Willyam Iremonger, Christofer Turnor, Roger Knighte, *abs.*, *misericordia*, Thomas Burges, Frauncis Syekes.

[Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Martis, primo die Septembris, anno Domini 1607, annoque regni Regis Jacobi 5°.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Thomas Lydall, *Mayor.* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Thomas Deane, Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Edward Burningham, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Peter Hardye, Walter Watlington, Robert Malthus, Josephe Carter, Walter Bye, Willyam Malthus, Edward Lamboll, John Bagley, senior, Willyam Iremonger, Christofer Turnor, Roger Knight, Thomas Burges, Frauncis Syekes.

Convenerunt apud Guihaldam dicti burgi et adtunc et ibidem prefati Major et Capitales Burgenses nominaverunt et assignaverunt tres homines ex gravioribus et discretioribus adtunc existentibus Capitales Burgenses burgi predicti, videlicet, Nicholaum Gunter, Thomam Deane et Johannem Blake, ad intencionem quod predicti Major et residui Burgenses eligerunt unum ex illis tribus sic per prefatos Majorem et Capitales Burgenses nominatis et assignatis ad officium Majoris infra burgum predictum et libertates ejusdem exequendum et exercendum pro uno anno integro, videlicet, a festo Sancti Michaelis Archangeli proximo sequente, et super hoc predicti Major et Burgenses adtunc et ibidem eligerunt prefatum Nicholaum Gunter ad officium Majoris infra burgum predictum et libertates ejusdem ad exequendum et exercendum pro uno anno integro a festo Sancti Michaelis Archangeli proximo sequente secundum aucthoritatem, vim, formam et effectum literarum patentium, etc. eisdem Majori et Burgensibus concessarum, etc.

At this daye alsoe it was ordered and agreed by the said Mayor and Burgesses that the Highbridge shalbe paved with stones for the better avoydinge of the yearly charges whiche was spent in gravellinge thereof and that the Cofferers shall make provision for the doeinge thereof with all convenyent speede.

p 21. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Lune, scilicet, quinto die Octobris, anno Domini 1607, annoque regni Regis Jacobi 5°.

Capital Burgenses.

Mr. Thomas Lydall, *Mayor.* Mr. Nicholas Gunter, elect, Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Thomas Deane, Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Edward Burningham, Mr. Thomas Turnor.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Peter Hardye, Walter Watlington, Robert Maulthus, Joseph Carter, Walter Bye, Willyam Maulthus, Edward Lamboll, John Bagley, Willyam Iremonger, Christofer Turnor, Roger Knighte, Thomas Burges, Frauncis Syckes.

Convenerunt in Guihalda ejusdem burgi, die et anno supradictis, et adtunc et ibidem predictus Nicholaus Gunter ad officia Majoris et Clerici Mercati burgi illius electus, sacramentum suum corporale cepit et prestitit coram prefato Thoma Lydall, ultimo Majore burgi illius et ultimo predecessore suo in eisdem officiis, secundum vim, formam et effectum literarum patentium, etc., eisdem Majori et Burgensibus concessarum, etc., et secundum formam statuti inde editi et provisi. Qui quidem Nicholaus Gunter adtunc et ibidem nominavit, elegit et constituit constabularios, gardianos et alios ministros burgi predicti, videlicet.

Constabularii	Walter Bateman Roger Walker	jurati ad exequendum officium, etc.
Gardiani Alte Garde	Richard Pettye John Fenyns	jurati ad exequendum officium, etc.
Gardiani Minster Garde	Richard Joyes Willyam Pearce	jurati ad exequendum officium, etc.
Gardiani Nove Garde	Abraham Paise Hughe Patye	jurati ad exercendum officium, etc.
Gardiani London Garde	Willyam Jemott Willyam Lettes	jurati ad exercendum officium, etc.
Gardiani Veteris Garde	Willyam Gallant Richard Emmerton	jurati ad exercendum officium, etc.
Cofferer,	Walter Bye.	

p. 22. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Lune, decimo nono die Octobris, anno Domini 1607, annoque regni regis Jacobi 5°.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayor.* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Thomas Lydall, Mr. Thomas Deane, Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. Edward Burningham, Mr. Thomas Turnor.

[Thomas Bedwell, sergeant[9].] At this daye Thomas Bedwell was chosen by the most voyces of the Magistrates (excepting Mr. Lydall) to be one of the Sergeantes to the Mace in this boroughe, and the said Thomas Bedwell then and there tooke his corporall oath to execute that office accordingly, &c.

At this daye also Thomas Willyamson, servant to Mr. Edward Clerke, made request to be Attorney in the court of this boroughe, and it was then graunted to him, soe as he forsake his master's service, keepe a house and live of himself as the other Attornyes doe.

[Burgus de Readinge[9].] Die Mercurii, xxj° die Octobris, anno Domini 1607. Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mayor. Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. John Blake.

[Thomas Willyamson, attorney[9].] At this daye Thomas Willyamson was admytted and allowed to be one of th'Attornyes in this court, and in open court did take his oath to execute that office according to the oath sett downe in the Register, &c.

p. 23. [Burgus de Readinge[9].] Die Lune, septimo die Decembris, anno Domini 1607[1], annoque regni regis Jacobi 5°.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayor.* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Thomas Lydall, Mr. Thomas Deane, Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Edward Burningham, Mr. Thomas Turnor.

Mr. Thomas Lydall at this daye made his accomptes, aswell of John Alarder's rentes geven to the Almesmen as of all other rentes and moneys geven and received for charitable uses, whiche he stood accomptable for in the yeare he was last Mayor, and then and there his accomptes were made perfect, as by the particulers thereof appeareth registred in the book apoynted for charitable uses, fol. [*blank.*]

William Maulthus, cofferer in the yeare Mr. Lydall was Mayor, at this daye made his accompt of all the rentes, revenues and proffittes belonginge to the Guildhall, aswell certeyne as uncerteyne, with whiche he stood accomptable for the yere past, and it was taken in this manner, videlicet,

[9] *in the margin.* [1] 1608, MS.

	li.	s.	d.
Inprimis, he was charged with one wholle yeres rent of all the certen rentes, quite rentes, incrochmentes and rent for the tole of the markett, due the last yeare	156	14	02
Item, he was charged with the stocke due to the Hall uppon the last accompt	007	00	08
Item, he was charged with th'arrerages left to gather uppe the last accompte	007	16	08
Item, he was charged with Valentine Skeate's composicion fine for his fredome	002	00	00
Item, he was charged with Richard Dearinges composicion fine for his fredome	000	10	00
Item, he was charged with John Farowes composicion fine for his fredome	000	06	08
Item, he was charged with John Greenes composicion fine for his fredome	000	08	00
Item, he was charged with the freedome money due for 14 freemen apprentices allowed	002	06	08
Item, he was charged with money made of old stuffe left in amending the bridges	001	03	11
Item, he was charged with a debt due by Richard Welman uppon a composicion for his goodes forfeyted uppon his conviction, &c.	002	00	00
Summa totalis	180	06	09

Out of whiche he prayeth allowaunce of the ordinarye and extraordinarye charges by him paid and laid out as followeth, videlicet;

Inprimis, paid Mr. Lydall in parte of his fee due the last yeare	051	10	00
Item, paid Mr. Edward Clerke, the steward, his fee	006	00	00
Item, paid Mr. Bird, the schoolmaster, his fee	010	00	00
Item, paid Mr. Okham, the baylieffe, his fee	002	00	00
Item, paid Willyam Wylmer, the towne clerke, his fee	004	00	00
Item, paid John Allowaye, the sergeant, his wages	002	00	00
Item, paid Willyam Myles, the sergeant, his wages	002	00	00
Item, paid Nicholas Childe his fee, per annum	000	10	00
Item, paid Mr. Blagrave's rent for the scoolemaster's house	003	06	08
Item, paid him for the alley	000	00	08
Item, paid for castinge the soile out of the grates	000	13	04
Item, paid for carryenge the soile from the grates	001	06	08

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Item, paid Nicholas Childe for the afferer's dynner	000	13	04
Item, paid Thomas Farrer, the carpenter, his fee	000	08	00
Item, paid the beadells	001	00	00
Item, paid the poore of St. Giles' parishe, 2*s.* 6*d.* a weeke	006	12	06
Item, paid the clensers of the markett place, a yere	005	04	00
Ordinarye.	103	05	02
Extraordinarye. Item, more paid and laid out in repayringe and amendinge the bridges and for other necessarye thinges within the charge of the cofferer, the particulers whereof at this present tyme were seene and allowed	066	04	08
Arrerages. Item, more he prayeth allowaunce of divers arrerages yett to gather, as by the rent rolle delivered into the Hall at large appeareth	007	10	10
Soe in chardges ordinarye and extraordinarye paid by the accomptant, and in arrerages to gather uppe, there was allowed to this accomptant	177	00	08

The whiche beinge deducted out of the wholle receiptes above mencioned, there then was in the accomptantes handes iij*li.* vij*s.* j*d.*, whiche then alsoe was paid to Mr. Lydall in further parte of his allowaunce, and soe the Hall rested in debt to Mr. Lydall v*li.* iij*s.* to be paid by the next cofferer; and thereuppon this accomptant was discharged.

Walter Bye, cofferer, at this daye did take his oath to execute the office, &c.

In debt	5	3	0

per me Willelmum Wylmer.

Rentes by Lease.

p. 24. [The rent role, 1608, *in margin.*] Inprimis, of Mr. Lydall for sixe stables and two gardens at the old Yeldhall: xl*s.*

Of Mr. Lydall, for the tenement and wharffe next the High Bridge iij*li.* vj*s.* viij*d.*

Of Mr. Lydall, for two tenementes nere St. Maryes Buttes, per annum xxxij*s.*

Of Willyam Brackston, for two stables and a chaundlinge house at Yeldhall, per annum v*li.*

Of Mr. Seickes, for a chandlinge house and stable at the Yeldhall, per annum	xxvj*s.* viij*d.*
Of Mr. Doctor Powell, for a house called Danyells and a stable at Yeldhall, per annum	iij*li.* vj*s.* viij*d.*
Of Thomas Clerke, for two little stables at the Yeldhall, per annum	ix*s.*
Of Robert Maulthus, for a stable, parcell of the old Hall, per annum	xx*s.*
Of Robert Dye, for his chaundlinge house, parcell of the old Hall, per annum	xxvj*s.* viij*d.*
Of Arther Curtyce, for a house and stable at the Yeldhall, per annum	xx*s.*
Of John Newman, for his stable at the Yeldhall, per annum	xij*s.*
Of John Dewell, for his stable at the Yeldhall, per annum	xij*s.*
Of Robert Malthus, for a house and garden at the Yeldhall	xxvj*s.* viij*d.*
Of Willyam Bate, for his dwellinge house in Cheese Rewe	xxiij*s.* iiij*d.*
Of John Ramsey, for two tenementes in Gutter Lane, per annum	iij*li.* vj*s.* viij*d.*
Of Christofer Turnor, for a tenement in Castle Strete, per annum	xx*s.*
Of Robert Maulthus, for Portman Brooke groundes, per annum	xx*li.*
Of John Bagley, for a tenement in Fryer Streete, per annum	xx*s.*
Of John Wigg, for a tenement in Old Ward, late Widowe Byes	xxxiij*s.* 4*d.*
Of Mr. Barnard Harrison, for a tenement in Olde Warde, per annum	xvj*s.* viij*d.*
Of Mr. Blake, for his part of the Ortes, per annum	
Of Mr. Thomas Turnor, for his part of the Ortes	
Of Willyam Malthus, for his part of the Ortes	
Of Walter Bye, for his part of the Ortes	
Of Mr. Shorter, for the Cunditt Close, per annum	
Of Christofer Kenton, for a tenement in London Streete, per annum	xl*s.*

Of Thomas Lane, for a little tenemente in Minster Streete, per annum	iij*s.* 4*d.*
Of Widdowe Salter, for a mead plott at Caversham Bridge	x*s.*
Of Mr. Burningham, for the tenemente and hop yardes at Caversham Bridge	
Of Peter Hardye, for a parcell of meadowe and fishinge in [. . .]	xvj*s.*
Of Henry Prince, for a garden plott by the Vasternes, per annum	viij*d.*
Of Mr. Okeham, for the fower fayres and butchers' standinges	
Of Mr. John Wigge, for a tenemente he buylt against the Beare, per annum	iij*s.*
Of . . . . . , for Ratfordes house beyond St. Giles' Churche	
Of Thomas Ryder, for the roomes over the Cage	xij*d.*
Of Joseph Johnson, for his tenement in the Markett place	iij*li.*
Of Nicholas Lamphire, for a little tenemente in Carryn Lane	xiij*s.*
Of Widdowe Younge, for her tenement in the Old Warde, per annum	xvj*s.* viij*d.*
Of John Malthus, for the Woolhall	
Of John Hamblen, for his shoppe in the Butcher Rewe	xxx*s.*
Of Humfrey Brackston, for his shoppe in Butcher Rewe	xl*s.*
Of Willyam Sone, for his shoppe in the Butcher Rewe, per annum	xxx*s.*
Of John Rumsey, for his shoppe in the Butcher Rewe, per annum	xxx*s.*
Of John Burden, for his shoppe in the Butcher Rewe, per annum	xxx*s.*
Of John Burden, for the corner shoppe in the newe Shambles and another little corner	xl*s.*
Of Willyam Moore, for a parte of the newe Shambles, per annum	
Of Thomas Salomon, for his house in Gutter Lane, per annum	vj*s.* viij*d.*

Of John Bramley, for his house in Gutter Lane, per annum xs.

Of John Mathewe, for his house in Fryer Streete, per annum iij*li.*

Of Nicholas Childe, for his house, per annum xxs.

Of Wyddowe Sample, for her house beyond St. Giles' Churche vjs. viij*d.*

Of Robert Seyward, for the next tenemente in the same place vjs. viij*d.*

Of Frauncis Drewe, for the tole of the Markett, weekly 13*s.* 4*d.*, per annum xxxiiij*li.* xiijs. iiij*d.*

[p. 25.] Of Mr. Reve, for his dwellinge house, per annum iijs.

Of John Godderd, for his dwellinge house, per annum iijs. iiij*d.*

Of John Godderd, for the next house, per annum xij*d.*

Of Anthony Knight, for his dwellinge house, per annum xvj*d.*

Of Christofer Ryder for the two tenementes he dwelleth in, per annum xx*d.*

Of John Pattyson, for the next house adjoyninge, per annum xij*d.*

Of Wyddowe Richardes and Anthony Knight, for ij° tenementes in Hosyers Lane ij*d.*

Of Thomas Wye, for the Olde Bell, per annum xij*d.*

Of Mr. Berington, for a tenemente in Flex Lane, whiche Nicholas Styles holdeth iiij*d.*

Of Mr. Blagrave, for a tenemente in Broad-streete, sometymes Bryll's vj*d.*

Of Mr. Lydall, for a tenemente against Jerrattes Crosse, per annum vj*d.*

Some, xiijs. x*d.*

Rentes for encrochementes.

Of Mr. Henry Alexander, for a chimney and oven standinge upon the streete xij*d.*

Of Edward Thornburye, for a bulke roome standinge upon the common soile vj*d.*

Of the next house for the like incrochment vj*d.*

Of Richard Pynke, for the like encrochment at the Bell vj*d.*

Of Richard Blackman, in Shoomaker Rewe, for a bulke roome encroched	xij*d.*	
Of Richard Pettye, for the like encrochment to his house	xij*d.*	
Of Willyam Welche, for the like	iiij*d.*	
Of Willyam Dumper, for the like	xij*d.*	
Of John Walker, for the like	viij*d.*	
Of Thomas Wickyns, for a little garden plott	iiij*d.*	
Of Robert Burnes, for an encrochment to his house	vj*d.*	
Of Thomas Lane, for an encrochment in Minster Myll lane	vj*d.*	
Of Mr. Deane, for his porche	vj*d.*	
Of John Newman, for his porche	vj*d.*	
Of Peter Hardye, for his porche	vj*d.*	
Of Mr. Barnard Harrison, for his porche	ij*d.*	
Of John Symes, for his porche	ij*d.*	
Of Willyam Dibley, for his porche	ij*d.*	
Of Andrewe Mace, for his travesse, per annum	xij*d.*	
Of Timothie Deane, for his travesse, per annum	xij*d.*	11*s.* 10*d.*

p. 26. [Burgus de Readinge [2].] Die Veneris, scilicet, decimo sexto die Decembris, anno Domini 1608, annoque regni regis Jacobi sexto [3].

Capitall Burgisses.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayor.* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Thomas Deane, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Edward Burningham, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Robert Maulthus.

Secondarye Burgesses.

[vac' [2].] Peter Hardye, Walter Watlington, Joseph Carter, *absens sine licentia,* Walter Bye, Willyam Maulthus, John Bagley, [vac' [2]] Willyam Iremounger, Christofer Turnor, *absens sine licentia, misericordia* iij*s.* iiij*d.*, Roger Knight, Thomas Burges, Frauncis Syekes, Anthony Knight, *absens sine licentia, misericordia* iij*s.* iiij*d.*, Walter Bateman, John Johnson.

[Burgus de Readinge [2].] Die Veneris, scilicet, decimo octavo die Decembris 1607, annoque regni regis Jacobi 5°.

[2] *in the margin.* [3] 6 James I = 24 Mar. 1608 – 23 Mar. 1609.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayor.* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Thomas Lydall, Mr. Thomas Deane, Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Edward Burningham, Mr. Thomas Turnor.

Secundarye Burgesses.

Peter Hardye, Walter Watlington, *absens per licentiam,* Robert Maulthus, Joseph Carter, Walter Bye, William Maulthus, John Bagley, William Iremonger, Christopher Turnor, Roger Knight, Thomas Burges, Frauncis Syekes.

At this daye it was agreed that as touchinge certen fees of the Court, whereas ij*d.* is due for the entraunce of th'accion, there shall from hencefourth be ij*d.* paid for the withdrawinge thereof, and where iiij*d.* is usually due for entringe th'accion, there shall from hencefourth iiij*d.* be paid for the withdrawinge of the same accion for ever, soe alwayes as the lawe will permitt the allowaunce thereof.

p. 27. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Veneris, scilicet, decimo nono die Februarii 1607, annoque regni regis Jacobi 5°.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayor.* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Thomas Lydall, Mr. Thomas Deane, Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Edward Burningham, Mr. Thomas Turnor.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Peter Hardye, Walter Watlington, Robert Malthus, Joseph Carter, Walter Bye, Willyam Malthus, Edward Lambold, John Bagley, Willyam Iremonger, Christofer Turnor, Roger Knight, Thomas Burges, Frauncis Syekes.

At this daye Mr. Thomas Lydall brought in a *quietus est* for the discharge of the Fee farme of the Towne for that yeare in whiche he was officer, ut patet, etc.

[Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Veneris, scilicet, vicesimo die Maii, 1608, annoque regni regis Jacobi, etc., 6°.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayor.* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Thomas Lydall, *egrotus,* Mr. Thomas Deane, Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Edward Burningham, Mr. Thomas Turnor.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Peter Hardye, Walter Watlington, Robert Maulthus, Joseph Carter, Walter Bye, Willyam Maulthus, Edward Lambold, *absens*, John Bagley, Willyam Iremounger, Christofer Turnor, Roger Knight, Thomas Burges, Frauncis Syekes.

p. 28. [Burgus de Readinge [4].] Die Jovis, scilicet, primo die Septembris 1608, annoque regni regis Jacobi, etc., vj°.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayor*. Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Thomas Lydall, *egrotus*, Mr. Thomas Deane, Mr. Thomas Reve, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Edward Burningham, Mr. Thomas Turnor.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Peter Hardye, Walter Watlington, Robert Malthus, Joseph Carter, Walter Bye, Willyam Malthus, John Bagley, Willyam Iremounger, Christofer Turnor, Roger Knight, Thomas Burges, Frauncis Syekes.

Convenerunt apud Guihaldam dicti burgi, die et anno supradictis, et adtunc et ibidem prefati Major et Burgenses nominaverunt et assignaverunt tres homines ex gravioribus et discretioribus adtunc et ibidem existentibus Capitales Burgenses burgi predicti, videlicet, Thomam Deane, Johannem Blake, et Edwardum Burningham ad intencionem quod predicti Major et residuum Burgensium predictorum eligerunt unum ex illis tribus sic per prefatos Majorem et Capitales Burgenses nominatis et assignatis ad officium Majoris infra burgum predictum et libertates ejusdem exequendum et exercendum, pro uno anno integro, videlicet, a festo Sancti Michaelis Archangeli proximo sequente. Et super hoc predicti Major et Burgenses adtunc et ibidem eligerunt prefatum Thomam Deane ad officium Majoris infra burgum predictum et libertates ejusdem ad exequendum et exercendum, pro uno anno integro, a festo Sancti Michaelis Archangeli proximo sequente, secundum aucthoritatem, vim, formam et effectum literarum patentium, etc., eisdem Majori et Burgensibus concessarum, etc.

[Anthonius Knight, Walter Bateman, Johannes Johnson [4].] Ad hanc diem prefati Major et Burgenses nominaverunt, vocaverunt et eligerunt in officium Secundariorum Burgensium burgi predicti Anthonium Knight, Walterum Bateman et Johannem Johnson, inhabitantes

[4] *in the margin.*

infra burgum predictum. Qui quidem Anthonius Knight, Walterus Bateman et Johannes Johnson adtunc et ibidem ceperunt et prestiterunt sacramentum suum corporale coram prefatis Majore et Capitalibus Burgensibus ad officium suum predictum bene et fideliter exercendum et exequendum.

p. 29. [Burgus de Readinge [5].] Die Veneris, scilicet, vicesimo tercio die Septembris, 1608, annoque regni Regis Jacobi, etc., vj°.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Deane, Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Thomas Lydall, *egrotus*, Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Edward Burningham, Mr. Thomas Turnor.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Peter Hardye, *absens*, Walter Watlington, *absens*, Robert Malthus, Joseph Carter, *absens*, Walter Bye, Willyam Malthus, John Bagley, William Iremonger, Christofer Turnor, Roger Knight, *absens per licentiam*, Thomas Burges, Frauncis Syekes, Anthony Knight, *absens*, Walter Bateman, *absens*, John Johnson, *absens*.

At this daye it was graunted and agreed that Willyam Greene should be paid all his costes and charges whiche he had expended in the sute brought against him by Mr. Danvers of the Fryers, for distreyninge his horse in the last yeare when Willyam Greene was one of the overseers of the poore; and that the said Willyam Greene should be defended in all thinges concerninge the same sute; and afterwardes. Mr. Danvers dyed before the sute was ended.

p. 30. [Burgus de Readinge [5].] Die Lune, scilicet, tercio die Octobris, 1608, annoque regni regis Jacobi, etc., vj°.

Capitales Burgenses.

Nicholaus Gunter, *Major.* Thomas Deane, *electus*, Richardus Turnor, Thomas Lydall, Robertus Reve, Barnardus Harrison, Johannes Blake, Edwardus Burningham, Thomas Turnor.

Secondarii Burgenses.

Petrus Hardye, Walterus Watlington, Robertus Maulthus, Josephus Carter, Walterus Bye, Willelmus Malthus, Johannes Bagley, Willelmus Iremonger, Christoferus Turnor, Rogerus Knight, Thomas Burges, Fraunciscus Syekes, Anthonius Knight, Walterus Bateman, Johannes Johnson.

[5] *in the margin.*

Ad hunc diem predicti Major et Burgenses comparuerunt et convenerunt in Guihalda ejusdem burgi et adtunc et ibidem predictus Thomas Deane ad officia Majoris et Clerici Mercati burgi illius electus, sacramentum suum corporale cepit et prestitit coram prefato Nicholao Gunter, ultimo Majore burgi illius et ultimo predecessore suo in eisdem officiis secundum vim, formam, tenorem et effectum literarum patentium Domini nostri, etc., prefatis Majori et Burgensibus concessarum, etc., et secundum vim, formam et effectum statuti inde editi et provisi. Qui quidem Thomas Deane, existens Major, adtunc et ibidem nominavit, elegit et constituit constabularios gardianos et alios ministros burgi predicti, videlicet:

Fraunciscus Syeckes Johannes Symes	jurati ad exequendum officium constabularii infra burgum, etc.
Willelmus Bagley Johannes Mapleton, Junior	jurati ad exequendum officium gardiani Alte Garde, etc.
Willelmus Patye Edwardus Baker	jurati ad exequendum officium gardiani Minster Garde, etc.
Henricus Turnor Alexander Pither	jurati ad exequendum officium gardiani London Garde, etc.
Andreas Kenton Edwardus Richardson	jurati ad exequendum officium gardiani in Old Warde, etc.
Radulphus Robyns Richardus Page	jurati ad exequendum officium gardiani de Newe Warde, etc.
Postea, Johannes Arther Willelmus Walker Johannes Milksoppe	jurati fuerunt ad exequendum officium gardiani.
Rogerus Knight	cofferer.

p. 31. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Lune, scilicet, duodecimo die Decembris, 1608, annoque domini regis Jacobi vj°.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Thomas Deane, *Major.* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Edward Burningham, Mr. Nicholas Gunter.

At this daye Mr. Nicholas Gunter made his accomptes aswell of John Alarder's rentes geven to the Almes men, as of all other rentes and somes of money geven and apoynted for charitable uses, in the yeare in whiche he was Mayor, and then and there his accomptes were made perfect, as by the particulers thereof apeareth registred in the booke apoynted for the charitable uses.

At this daye also Mr. Robert Malthus, cofferer to the Hall in the yeare Mr. Nicholas Gunter was Mayor, made his accomptes of all the rentes, revenues and proffittes, growen due and belonginge to the Guildhall, aswell certen as uncerteyne, with whiche he stood accomptable for the yeare past, and he was charged and discharged in manner and fourme followeinge, videlicet:

Inprimis, he was charged by the rent-rolle with one wholle yeares rent of all the certen rentes, quyte rentes, incrochmentes and tole rentes for tole of the Markett due in this last yeare	j c lxxx*li.* vj*d.*
Item, he was charged with th'arrerages of rentes and quiterentes due uppon the last accompte	xx*s.* ij*d.*
Item, he was charged with the amerciamentes estrayted upon the law dayes presentmentes	iij*li.*
Item, he was charged with the amerciamentes estrayted upon the Clerke of the Merkett	xxx*s.*
Item, he was charged with the fine whiche John Burden paid for his lease	iiij*li.*
Item, he was charged with the fine whiche John Wigg paid for his lease	v*li.*
Item, he was charged with James Plantes composicion fine for his freedome	xx*s.*
Item, he was charged with John Watlington's composicion fine for his freedome	x*s.*
Item, he was charged with Michaell Hamblen's composicion fine for his freedome	vj*s.*
Item, he was charged with the freedome money of 14 apprentices made free this yere	xlvj*s.* viij*d.*
Summa totalis — j c lxxx*li.* vj*d.*	

[Deductions[6].] Inprimis, paid Mr. Gunter in part of his fee due the last yeare	xlix*li.* iiij*s.* ix*d.*
Item, paid Mr. Clerke, the steward, his fee	vj*li.*
Item, paid Mr. Bird, the schoolmaster, his fee	x*li.*
Item, paid Mr. Denison for his quarter sermons	vj*li.*
Item, paid Mr. Okham, the bailieffe, his fee	xl*s.*
Item, paid Willyam Wylmer, the Towne Clerk, his fee	iiij*li.*
Item, paid Nicholas Childe, the sergeant, his fee	x*s.*

[6] *in the margin.*

Item, paid William Myles, the sergeant, his fee	xl*s.*
Item, paid Thomas Beddall the sergeantes fee	xl*s.*
Item, paid Mr. Blagrave the rent for the school-master's house	iiij*li.*
Item, paid Mr. Blagrave for rent of the Alley	viij*d.*
Item, paid the skavinger for clensinge the grates	xxvj*s.* viij*d.*
Item, paid Nicholas Childe for the afferer's dynner	xiij*s.* iiij*d.*
Item, paid the beadells	xx*s.*
Item, paid Thomas Farrer his fee for surveyenge the bridges	viij*s.*
Item, paid the poore of St. Giles ij*s.* vj*d.* a weeke out of the tole	vj*li.* x*s.*
Item, paid the clenser of the Markett place, weekly ij*s.*	v*li.* iiij*s.*
Item, paid a laborer for casting soyle out of the grates	xiij*s.* iiij*d.*

[Ordinarye[7].] Summa — lxxxxij*li.* vj*s.*

[Extraordinarye[7].] Item, paid and laid out in repayringe the bridges, and for other necessarye thinges within the charge of the cofferer, the particulers whereof at this present were seene and allowed	lxix*li.* xv*s.* xj*d.*	in all j c lxxx*li.* vj*d.*
Item, paid Mr. Gunter and not reckoned in the former totall some as apeareth in the some	ix*li.* iiij*s.* ix*d.*	
Item, paid in debt to Mr. Lydall and due in arrerages of rentes and quit-rentes as apeareth in the role	viij*li.* xiij*s.* x*d.*	
[In-debted[7].] All whiche being deducted there remayned nothinge in the said accomptantes handes, whereuppon he was then dischardged, and the Hall resteth in debt to Mr. Nicholas Gunter for the residewe of his allowaunce for the yeare past, whiche is apoynted to be paid by the next accomptant	x*li.* xv*s.* iij*d.*	

Walter Bye is the next accomptant:

per me Willelmum Wylmer.

p. 32. [Burgus de Readinge[7].] Die Veneris, scilicet, decimo sexto die Decembris, 1608, annoque regni regis Jacobi vj°.

[7] *in the margin.*

Capitalles Burgenses.

Mr. Thomas Deane, *Mayor*. Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Edward Burningham, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus[8].

Secondarii Burgenses.

Petrus Hardye, Walterus Watlington, Josephus Carter, Walterus Bye, Willelmus Malthus, Johannes Bagley, senior, Willelmus Iremonger, Christoferus Turnor, Rogerus Knight, Thomas Burges, Franciscus Syekes, Anthonius Knight, Walterus Bateman, Johannes Johnson.

At this daye a Lease of the stall of the west end of the Shambles was graunted to Willyam Moore for xxj yeares, beginninge at Michellmas next, at the rent of xxv*s*. per annum and keepinge the wall in reparacions.

At this daye alsoe the Constables made accompte of divers somes of money, whiche was taxed and levyed upon th'inhabitantes towardes the relief of the visited people, for ij monethes past, and another dubble taxe was then graunted to be levyed.

[Burgus de Readinge, *in margin*.] (1609.) Die Veneris, scilicet, decimo die Marcii, 1608, annoque regni regis Jacobi vj°.

Capital Burgesses.

Mr. Thomas Deane, *Mayor*. Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Edward Burningham, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Malthus.

Secundarye Burgesses.

Peter Hardye, Walter Watlington, Joseph Carter, Walter Bye, Willyam Malthus, John Bagley, senior, Willyam Iremonger, Christofer Turnor, Roger Knight, Thomas Burges, Frauncis Syekes, Anthony Knight, Walter Bateman, John Johnson.

At this daye at the request of Mr. Edward Clerke, the steward, it was agreed and ordered by the Company present, that where a former dutye was allowed him for the with-drawinge of every accion, that nowe from hencefourth the same dutye for the with-drawinge th'accion shalbe paid at the entraunce of th'accion, according as the value requireth formerly allowed and usually paid.

[8] Jurati ad hunc diem in officium Capitalis Burgensis, *in margin*.

At this daye John Wylmer, habberdasher, whoe had formerly byn allowed a freman and by reason of his long absence disfranchised, made request to compound agayne for his freedome, and he was put to his fine of xx*s.* and restored to his libertie.

p. 33. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Veneris, scilicet, decimo die Junii, anno Domini 1609, annoque regni regis Jacobi septimo[9].

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Thomas Deane, *Mayor.* Mr. Richard Turnor, *absens per licentiam,* Mr. Robert Reve, *absens per licentiam,* Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Edward Burningham, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Peter Hardye, Walter Watlington, Joseph Carter, *absens,* Walter Bye, Willyam Maulthus, John Bagley, senior, William Iremonger, Christofer Turnor, *absens per licentiam,* Roger Knight, *absens per licentiam,* Thomas Burges, *absens per licentiam,* Frauncis Syekes, Anthony Knight, Walter Batman, *absens per licentiam,* John Johnson.

At this daye the deedes of the tenement in Fryer Streete, whiche Mr. Lydall gave to charitable uses, were brought in and delivered to the Company, with a true copye of soe muche of his Will as doth concerne the guift, whiche was then apointed to be registred into the booke of charitable uses.

[Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Veneris, scilicet, primo die Septembris, anno Domini 1609, annoque regni regis Jacobi 7°.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Thomas Deane, *Mayor.* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Edward Burningham, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Peter Hardye, Walter Watlington, Joseph Carter, *absens, misericordia,* iij*s.* iiij*d.*, Walter Bye, Willyam Malthus, John Bagley, William Iremonger, Christofer Turnor, Roger Knight, Thomas Burges, Frauncis Syekes, Anthony Knight, Walter Batman, John Johnson.

[9] 7 James I = 24 Mar. 1609 – 23 Mar. 1610.

Major et Burgenses predicti convenerunt apud Guihaldam dicti burgi, die et anno supradictis, et adtunc et ibidem prefati Major et Burgenses nominaverunt et assignaverunt tres homines ex gravioribus et discretioribus adtunc existentibus Capitales Burgenses burgi predicti, videlicet, Johannem Blake, Edwardum Burningham et Thomam Turnor, ad intencionem quod predicti Maior et residuum Burgensium predictorum eligerent unum ex illis tribus sic per prefatum Majorem et Capitales Burgenses nominatis et assignatis ad officium Majoris infra burgum et libertates ejusdem exequendum et exercendum pro uno anno integro, videlicet, a festo Sancti Michaelis Archangeli proximo sequente. Et super hoc predicti Major et Burgenses adtunc et ibidem eligerunt prefatum Johannem Blake ad officium Majoris infra burgum predictum et libertates ejusdem ad exequendum et exercendum, pro uno anno integro, a festo Sancti Michaelis Archangeli extunc proximo sequente, secundum vim, formam et effectum quarundum literarum patentium eisdem Majori et Burgensibus concessarum, etc.

p. 34. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Veneris, scilicet, xxij° die Septembris, anno Domini 1609, annoque regni regis Jacobi 7°.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Thomas Deane, *Mayor.* Mr. John Blake, *electus,* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. Edward Burningham, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Peter Hardye, Walter Watlington, Joseph Carter, *absens per licentiam,* Walter Bye, Willyam Maulthus, John Bagley, senior, Willyam Iremonger, *absens per licentiam,* Christofer Turnor, Roger Knight, Thomas Burges, *absens per licentiam,* Frauncis Syekes, Anthony Knight, Walter Batman, John Johnson.

At this daye Mr. Nicholas Gunter brought and delivered into the Hall a *quietus est* for the yeare he was Mayor, *videlicet,* from Michaellmas in the 5th yere of the Kinges Majesties reigne, whiche was anno Domini 1607, untill Michaellmas in the vjth yere of the Kinges Majesties reigne, whiche was anno Domini 1608, and it was then put into the chest: per William W[ylmer].

At this daye a lease of the tenement, plottes of ground and mead plott at Caversham Bridge was graunted to Mr. Burningham

for xxj yeares, at the rent of iij*li.* per annum, under the usuall covenauntes and uppon condicion that there shall be noe alehouse kept there, neither shall he lett or sett but to an approved honest man, suche as this Company shall like.

[Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Lunæ, scilicet, secundo die Octobris, anno Domini 1609, annoque regni regis Jacobi 7°.

Capital Burgesses.

Mr. Thomas Deane, *Mayor.* Mr. John Blake, Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. Edward Burningham, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus.

Secondary Burgesses.

Peter Hardye, Walter Watlington, Joseph Carter, *absens*, Walter Bye, Willyam Maulthus, John Bagley, Willyam Iremonger, *absens per licentiam*, Christofer Turnor, Roger Knight, Thomas Burges, *absens*, Frauncis Syekes, Anthony Knight, Walter Batman, John Johnson.

Ad hunc diem predicti Major et Burgenses comparuerunt et convenerunt in Guihalda ejusdem burgi et adtunc et ibidem predictus Johannes Blake ad officia Majoris et Clerici Mercati burgi illius electus, sacramentum corporale cepit et prestitit coram prefato Thoma Deane, ultimo Majore burgi illius et ultimo predecessore suo in eisdem officiis, secundum vim, formam et effectum quarundum literarum patentium eisdem Majori et Burgensibus concessarum, etc., et secundum vim, formam et effectum statuti inde editi et provisi. Qui quidem Johannes Blake, existens Major, adtunc et ibidem nominavit, elegit et constituit constabularios, gardianos et alios ministros burgi predicti, videlicet:

Jeronimus Pococke, Richardus Winche — constabularii jurati.
Robertus Kenton, Willelmus Jacobb — gardiani Alte Garde jurati.
Richardus Godderd, Thomas Pipps — gardiani Minster Garde jurati.
Christoferus Atye, Johannes White — gardiani Nove Garde jurati.
Clement Kent, Johannes Dey — gardiani London Garde jurati.

Augustinus Gallant } gardiani Veteris Garde jurati.
Thomas Lyford }
Willelmus Iremonger, thesaurarius pro pauperibus.

p. 35. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Frydaye the xvijth daye of November, anno Domini 1609, annoque regni regis Jacobi 7°.

Mr. John Blake, *Mayor.* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. Edward Burningham, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Robert Maulthus.

At this daye th'accompt of John Alarder's rentes and of all other rentes and moneys geven to charitable uses, in the charge of Mr. Thomas Deane, in the yeare he was Mayor, was made and geven uppe to the said Mayor and Burgisses by Roger Knight, threasorer for the poore that yere, and the surplusage thereof was then and there delivered to William Iremonger, treasurer for the yere to come, as by th'accomptes thereof registred in the booke of Charitable uses more at large appeareth.

[Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Frydaye the xxijth daye of December, anno Domini 1609, annoque regni regis Jacobi 7°.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. John Blake, *Mayor.* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Thomas Deane, Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. Edward Burningham, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Peter Hardye, Walter Watlington, Joseph Carter, Walter Bye, Willyam Maulthus, John Bagley, senior, Willyam Iremonger, Christopher Turnor, Roger Knight, Thomas Burges, Frauncis Seickes, Anthony Knight, Walter Bateman, John Johnson.

At this daye a taxe to relieve the visited people in the Cunditt Close was graunted and agreed to be levyed, after the rate of two weekes paye, by the colleccion bookes of those which paye ij*d.* a weeke and upwardes, to releive the poore within the boroughe.

At this daye a lease of the Barne and Piddle, purchased with the money geven by Mr. Warcuppe, was graunted to Mr. Thomas Turnor for 3 lyves, suche as he shall name, at 40*s.* rent per annum and keepinge the reparacions, &c., and the said Thomas Turnour

shall have all the trees groweinge uppon the same Piddle towardes the buyldinge of the Barne.

p. 36. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] (1610.) Fridaye the second daye of Marche, anno Domini 1609, annoque regni regis Jacobi 7°.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. John Blake, *Mayor.* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Thomas Deane, Mr. Robert Reve, *misericordia,* iij*s.* iiij*d. pro absentia,* Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. Edward Burningham, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Peter Hardye, Walter Watlington, Joseph Carter, *egrotus,* Walter Bye, *licentia,* William Maulthus, *licentia,* John Bagley, senior, William Iremounger, Christopher Turnour, *misericordia,* iij*s.* iiij*d.*, Roger Knight, Thomas Burges, *licentia,* Frauncis Seickes, Anthony Knight, *misericordia,* iij*s.* iiij*d.*, Walter Bateman, John Johnson.

At this daye Mr. Deane brought in and delivered a *quietus est* for the fee farme of the towne, due in the yeare he was Mayor, videlicet, from Michellmas in the vjth yere of the Kinges Majesties reigne untill Michellmas in the vijth yere of his reigne, and it was then receyved and put in chest accordingly.

At this daye Richard Stone compounded for an encrochment of two foote in breadth and xv foote in length, whiche he enclosed and buylt upon in Castle Streete, and it was agreed that he shall from hencefourth hold by lease and paye for ever per annum vj*d.*

[Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Fridaye the first of June, anno Domini 1610, annoque regni regis Jacobi octavo[1].

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. John Blake, *Mayor.* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Thomas Deane, Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. Edward Burningham, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *misericordia,* iij*s.* iiij*d. pro absentia,* Mr. Robert Maulthus.

Secondary Burgesses.

Peter Hardye, Walter Watlington, Walter Bye, Willyam Maulthus, John Bagley, senior, William Iremonger, Christopher

[1] 8 James I = 24 Mar. 1610 — 23 Mar. 1611.

Turnour, *licentia*, Roger Knight, *licentia*, Thomas Burges, *misericordia*, iij*s*. iiij*d*., Frauncis Seickes, *misericordia*, iij*s*. iiij*d*., Anthony Knight, *misericordia*, iij*s*. iiij*d*., Walter Bateman, John Johnson.

At this daye Mr. Thomas Deane did name and apoynt two poore men, videlicet, John Kinfeild and Richard Avord, and three poore children to be assigned to the hospitall, to have the benefitt of his guift of tenn poundes by the yere allowed to them weekly, towardes their relief, videlicet, to the two men xij*d*. a peice, and to eache child viij*d*. every weeke.

[p. 37.] Mondaye the xviijth daye of June, anno Domini 1610, annoque regni regis Jacobi 8°.

Mr. John Blake, *Mayor*. Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Thomas Deane, Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Edward Burningham,

Capitall Burgisses, at this daye assembled, and to them then and there a lettere, sent from the President and Fellowes of St. John's Colledge for the election of a scholler, to supplye the roome and place of Mr. Smyth, then void and belonginge to this schoole, was openly read, and then and there present eleccion, by the assistaunce of Mr. Edward Clerke, Steward, Mr. Denison, Vicar of St. Lawrence Churche, Mr. Andrewe Bird, schoolemaster, and others intelligent and judicious, was made of the most fittest scholler in the free schoole, and Thomas Turnour, sonne of Mr. Thomas Turnour, of Readinge, was then and there elected and by lettres commended to the Colledge accordinglye.

[Election of the Mayor, *in margin*.] Saturdaye, the first daye of September, anno Domini 1610, annoque regni Regis [Jacobi] 8°.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. John Blake, *Mayor*. Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. Edward Burningham, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Peter Hardye, Walter Watlington, Walter Bye, William Maulthus, *absens per licentiam*, John Bagley, senior, William Iremounger, Christofer Turnor, Roger Knight, Thomas Burges, *absens per licentiam*, Frauncis Seickes, Anthony Knight, Walter Bateman, John Johnson.

At this daye the said Mayor and Burgesses did nomynate and apoint thre of the said Capitall Burgesses to sitt in election, videlicet: 1. Mr. Edward Burningham; 2. Mr. Thomas Turnor; 3. Mr. Richard Turnor. And then and there the said Mayor and Burgesses with one assent and consent did elect and choose the said Mr. Burningham to beare the office of Mayor of this boroughe the next yeare followeinge next after Michaellmas daye next followeinge.

Fridaye the xxjth daye of September 1610, annoque regni regis Jacobi viij°.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. John Blake, *Mayor.* Mr. Edward Burningham, *electus,* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Thomas Deane, Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus.

Secondary [Burgesses].

Peter Hardye, Walter Watlington, Walter Bye, Willyam Maulthus, John Bagley, senior, Willyam Iremonger, Christofer Turnor, Roger Knight, Thomas Burges, Frauncis Seickes, Anthony Knighte, Walter Bateman, John Johnson.

At this daye it was agreed that John Dawson shall have 40*s.* per annum, duringe the tyme he shall contynue the charge of the hospitall, and doe that office and service there to the good likinge of this Companye, and noe longer, beginninge at Michaelmas next.

p. 38. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Lune, scilicet, primo die Octobris, anno Domini 1610, annoque regni regis Jacobi 8°.

Capitales Burgenses.

Johannes Blake, *Major.* Edwardus Burningham, electus, Richardus Turnor, Thomas Deane, Robertus Reeve, Barnardus Harrison, Thomas Turnor, Nicholaus Gunter, Robertus Maulthus.

Secondarie (*sic*) Burgenses.

Petrus Hardye, Walterus Watlington, Walterus Bye, Willelmus Maulthus, Johannes Bagley, senior, Willelmus Iremonger, Christofer Turnor, Rogerus Knight, Thomas Burges, *absens per licentiam,* Fraunciscus Seickes, *absens per licentiam,* Anthonius Knight, *absens per licentiam,* Walterus Bateman, *egrotus,* Johannes Johnson.

Ad hunc diem predicti Major et Burgenses comparuerunt et convenerunt in Guihalda ejusdem burgi et adtunc et ibidem pre-

dictus Edwardus Burningham ad officia Majoris et Clerici Mercati burgi illius electus, sacramentum suum corporale cepit et prestitit coram prefato Johanne Blake, ultimo Majore burgi illius et ultimo predecessore suo in eisdem officiis secundum vim, formam, tenorem et effectum statuti inde editi et provisi, etc.

Qui quidem Edwardus Burningham sic existens Major adtunc et ibidem nominavit, elegit et constituit cofferarios, constabularios, gardianos et alios ministros burgi predicti, qui adtunc et ibidem ceperunt sacramenta sua separalia ad exequendum officia sua seperalia infra burgum predictum, etc.

Cofferarii	Willelmus Iremonger Christopherus Turnor	jurati.
Constabularii	Willelmus Kendricke Robertus Bent	jurati.
Gardiani Alte Garde	Johannes Watlington David Elkes	jurati.
Minster Garda	Henricus Walker Edwardus Andrewes	jurati.
London Garda	Edwardus Ireland Sebastian Lyford	jurati.
Nova Garda	Johannes Mathewe Thomas Aley	jurati.
Vetus Garda	Willelmus Hulbert Robertus Crooke	jurati.

p. 39. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Mondaye the viijth daye of October 1610, annoque regni regis Jacobi 8°.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Edwarde Burningham, *Mayor.* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Thomas Deane, Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus.

Secondarye Burgesses.

William Iremounger, Roger Knighte.

At this daye it was concluded and agreed that, for the relief of Thomas Norland and ix persons in his house beinge visited with the plague, a taxe after the rate of two weekes payment by the collection booke shalbe levyed of th'inhabitauntes, and when that shalbe expended then to have further taxe as the necessitye of the

people shall require. And withall they then apointed collectours of the moity taxed and that the constables should provide watchemen and make allowaunce to the visited people, to some of them after the rate of iiij*d.* a daye and to some iij*d.* a daye, as in their discretions should be needfull, and that the Constables should weekly accompt to the Mayour of the charges and expenses about those visited people.

Mondaye the xvijth daye of December, anno Domini 1610, annoque regni regis Jacobi 8°.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Edwarde Burningham, *Mayor.* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Thomas Deane, Mr. Robert Reeve, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus.

At this daye th'accomptes, aswell of John Alarder's rentes geven to the Almes men and all other moneys geven to charitable uses in the tyme and charge of Mr. John Blake, Mayor, as of all the rentes and revenues of the Guyldhall, were made and geven uppe in the presens of the said Mayor and Burgesses, and the overplus of the Hall accomptes was deliverd into the charge of Mr. Iremounger, beinge cofferer for the Hall, and the surplusage of John Alarder's accomptes and of the other moneys for the poore was then and there deliverd to Mr. Christopher Turnour, beinge alsoe cofferer and treasorer for the poore this yere followeinge.

[Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Frydaye the xxjth daye of December 1610.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Burningham, *Mayor.* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Thomas Deane, Mr. Robert Reeve, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Peter Hardye, Walter Watlington, Walter Bye, William Maulthus, John Bagley, William Iremounger, Christofer Turnor, Roger Knight, Thomas Burges, Frauncis Seickes, Anthony Knight, Walter Bateman, John Johnson.

At this daye before all the said Burgesses, Barnard Feilder, shoomaker, whoe formerly had byn allowed and registred a freeman of this boroughe, beinge nowe dwellinge in the countrye, requested

Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Walter Bye.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Peter Hardye, Walter Watlington, Willyam Maulthus, John Bagley, senior, Willyam Iremonger, Christofer Turnor, Roger Knight, Thomas Burges, Frauncis Seickes, Anthony Knight, Walter Bateman, John Johnson, Willyam Kendricke, Richard Winche.

[Election of the Mayor, *in margin.*] At this daye the Mayor and Hed Burgesses did choose and elect Mr. Walter Bye to be a Capitall Burgesse in the roome and place of Mr. Thomas Deane, deceassed; and then and there he did take the oath of a Hed Burgesse accordingly.

At this daye alsoe Willyam Kendricke and Richard Winche were called to be Secondarye Burgesses of this boroughe, and then and there eache of them did take the oath of a Secondarye Burgesse accordinglye.

At this daye the said Mayor and Burgesses did nomynate and apointe three of the said Capitall Burgesses to sitt in election, *videlicet*, Mr. Thomas Turnor (1), Mr. Richard Turnor (2), Mr. Robert Reeve (3).

And then and there the said Mayor and Burgesses with one assent and consent did elect and choose the said Mr. Thomas Turnor to beare the office of Mayor of this boroughe the next yeare followeinge, that is to saye, from Michaellmas daye next for one wholle yere beginninge the Mondaye next after Michaellmas daye next.

p. 42. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Lune, videlicet, ultimo die Septembris, anno Domini 1611, annoque regni regis Jacobi 9°.

Capitales Burgenses.

Edwardus Burningham, *Major.* Thomas Turnor, electus, Richardus Turnor, Robertus Reeve, Barnardus Harrison, Johannes Blake, Nicholaus Gunter, Robertus Maulthus, Walterus Bye.

Secondarii Burgenses.

Peter Hardye, Walterus Watlington, Willelmus Maulthus, Johannes Bagley, senior, Willelmus Iremonger, Christoferus Turnor, Rogerus K[night], Thomas Burges, *absens*, *misericordia* 11*d.*, Franciscus Seickes, Anthonius Knight, *egrotus*, Walterus Bateman, Johannes Johnson, *egrotus*, Willelmus Kendricke, Richardus Winche.

Ad hunc diem predicti Major et Burgenses comparuerunt et convenerunt in Guihalda ejusdem burgi et adtunc et ibidem predictus Thomas Turnour, ad officia Majoris et Clerici Mercati burgi illius electus, sacramentum suum corporale cepit et prestitit coram prefato Edwardo Burningham, ultimo Majore burgi illius et ultimo predecessore suo in eisdem officiis, secundum vim, formam, tenorem et effectum statuti inde editi et provisi, etc. Ac predictus Thomas Turnor, sic Major existens, adtunc et ibidem nominavit, elegit et constituit cofferarios, constabularios, gardianos et alios ministros burgi predicti, qui adtunc et ibidem ceperunt sacramenta sua separalia ad exequendum et performandum officia sua separalia infra burgum predictum, etc.

Cofferarii	Christopherus Turnour Johannes Bagley, senior	jurati.
Constabularii	Willelmus Brackston Johannes Bagley, senior	jurati.
Gardiani Alte Garde	Johannes Mylles Richardus Castle	jurati.
Minster Garde	Carolus Crowther Arthurus Hooker	jurati.
London Warde	Nicholaus Westwood Johannes Hullocke	jurati.
Nova Warda	Willelmus Saunders Thomas Evens	jurati.
Veteris Garde	Johannes Greene Edwardus Banister	jurati.

p. 43. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] xvj° die Octobris, anno Domini 1611, annoque regni regis Jacobi 9°.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Thomas Turnor, *Mayor.* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Robert Reeve, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. Edward Burningham, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Walter Bye.

At this daye Richard Atwater did take the oath of a Sergeant to the Mace of this boroughe, and he was then apointed to keepe Counter and to dwell in the house at the Counter at the will and pleasure of the said Mayor and Burgesses.

xvj° die Decembris, anno Domini 1611.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Thomas Turnor, *Mayor.* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Robert Reeve, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Burningham, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Walter Bye.

Willyam Iremounger, John Bagley, Christofer Turnor.

At this daye the accomptes of John Alarder's rentes and other moneys for charitable uses in the charge of Mr. Burningham for the yeare he was Mayor were nowe the second tyme in question, and uppon th'accomptes there was xxiiij*li.* 5*s.* remayninge in stocke, of whiche xx*li.* was added to the stocke, and the other iiij*li.* v*s.* was then paid and delivered by Christopher Turnor, th'accomptaunt, into the handes and charge of John Bagley th'elder, the next accomptant.

At this daye alsoe th'accomptes of the revenues of the Hall for the yeare past were made and geven uppe by Mr. Willyam Iremounger, cofferer, for the yere in whiche Mr. Burningham was Mayor, and ended at Michaellmas last past, and uppon th'accompte, all charges ordinary and extraordinarye paid and allowed, there rested in stocke, whiche was then and there delivered into the handes of Mr. Christopher Turnor, cofferer for this yeare, besides certen arrerages of paymentes, as by the particulers apeareth, just lxviij*li.* xvij*s.* j*d.*

per Willelmum Wylmer.

[Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] xix° die Decembris 1611.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Thomas Turnor, *Mayor.* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Robert Reeve, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Burningham, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Walter Bye.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Peter Hardye, Walter Watlington, *misericordia,* 5*s.* 4*d.*, John Bagley, senior, Willyam Maulthus, Willyam Iremonger, Christofer Turnor, Roger Knight, *absens, misericordia,* 3*s.* 4*d.*, Thomas Burges, *misericordia,* 3*s.* 4*d.*, Frauncis Seickes, *misericordia,* 3*s.* 4*d.*, Anthony Knight, Walter Bateman, John Johnson, William Kendricke, Richard Winche.

At this quarter-daye Mr. Alexander Blagrave shewed to the Company present his brother Mr. John Blagrave's will, and then

requested that he might haue a lease of the house, groundes and rentes in the will mencioned, untill the executors should come to age, at the rent sett downe in the will. And it was then and there agreed by the Company that he should have a lease, &c. And he was then willed to bring the grand lease and a copye of the will into the Hall, there to remayne and be kept accordinge to the meaninge of Mr. John Blagrave's will.

p. 44. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] (1612.) Die Veneris, scilicet, vj^to^ die Martii 1611, annoque regni regis Jacobi 9°.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Thomas Turnor, *Mayor.* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Robert Reeve, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. John Blake, *absens per licentiam,* Mr. Edward Burningham, *licentia,* Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *egrotus,* Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Robert Bye.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Peter Hardye, 3*s.* 4*d.*, Walter Watlington, *misericordia,* 3*s.* 4*d.*, Willyam Maulthus, John Bagley, *absens, misericordia,* 3*s.* 4*d.*, William Iremounger, Christopher Turnor, Roger Knight, *absens, misericordia,* 3*s.* 4*d.*, Thomas Burges, Frauncis Seickes, Anthony Knight, Walter Bateman, John Johnson, *egrotus,* Willyam Kendricke, *misericordia,* 3*s.* 4*d.*, Richard Winche, *misericordia,* 3*s.* 4*d.*

At this daye Willyam Pynnell, clothier, havinge inhabited many yeares within this boroughe, and apprentice there, made request to compound for his freedome, and it was then concluded and agreed in regard he was of longe contynuance and a poore man he should paye but eight shillinges for his libertie, and soe use his trade as a freman.

At this daye alsoe Danyell Pearce, vyntener, made request to compound for the encrochement he made uppon the streete about his house, called the Haulf Moone, and it was concluded that th'incrochmentes should be measured and he should take a lease of the ground encroched, and from thencefourth paye yearlye ij*s.* by waye of rent.

[Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Good Fridaye, 1612.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Thomas Turnor, *Mayor.* Mr. Edward Clerke, *Steward.* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Robert Reeve, Mr. Barnard Harrison,

Mr. John Blake, Mr. Burningham, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Walter Bye.

At this daye divers maid-servauntes were presented to stand in election to cast lottes for the 6*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, geven by Mr. John Blagrave in his last will, accordinge to the wordes of his will, and uppon examynacion of their desertes by service and contynuaunce one service yt was then apointed that three of them, *videlicet*, Alice Younge, Anne Watlington, Anne Grenwaye, should stand elected to cast lottes for the money, and then and there before the sermon, the said three maides came personally into the inner Hall and there, in the presens of the said Mayor and Burgesses, three lottes were made in paper and wrapt rounde and put into a hatt, and then presentely a childe of ten yeres of age was called out of the free schoole and in the presens of the said Mayor and Burgesses delivered to eache of the said three maides one lott, and the lott fell to Anne Watlington, whoe then and there hade the purse and 6*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.* in money in it delivered to her accordinglye.

p. 45. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Veneris, scilicet, quinto die Junii, anno Domini 1612, annoque regni regis Jacobi decimo[3].

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Thomas Turnor, *Mayor.* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Robert Reeve, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. John Blake, *egrotus*, Mr. Edward Burningham, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Walter Bye.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Peter Hardye, *misericordia*, 3*s.* 4*d.*, Walter Watlington, *misericordia*, 3*s.* 4*d.*, Willyam Maulthus, John Bagley, senior, Willyam Iremonger, Christofer Turnor, Roger Knight, *absens per licentiam*, Thomas Burges, *absens per licentiam*, Frauncis Seickes, Anthonye Knight, *absens per licentiam*, Walter Bateman, John Johnson, Willyam Kendricke, *egrotus*, Richard Winche, *misericordia*, 3*s.* 4*d.*

At this daye yt[4] was agreed that Richard Atwater shall doe the office of baylieffe of this boroughe at the will and pleasure of Mr. Mayor and the Cheiffe Burgesses.

Alsoe it was then agreed that Richard Atwater shall hould the house wherein Nicholas Childe late dwelt at the yearly rent of xx*s.*

[3] 10 James I = 24 Mar. 1612 – 23 Mar. 1613. [4] *that*, MS.

Alsoe it was then agreed that Richard Atwater shall take the proffittes of the faires, and shall paye rent therefore, per annum, iij*li.*

And that Richard Atwater shall geve bond to discharge the towne of all arrestes, escapes and other thinges that shall touche or concerne the office of baylieffe, duringe the tyme he shall contynue in the office of baylieffe.

[Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Lunæ, scilicet, decimo die Augusti 1612, annoque regni Regis Jacobi 10.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Thomas Turnor, *Mayor.* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Robert Reeve, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Burningham, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *absens*, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Walter Bye.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Peter Hardye, Roger Knight, Frauncis Seickes, John Johnson, Christofer Turnor, Richard Winche, William Iremounger, John Bagley, Anthonye Knight, Walter Bateman, William Kendricke.

At this daye Mr. Doctor Powell shewed to this Companye that about 13 yeres past he renued his lease of the stables and garden he holdeth at the old Yeldhall, and paid then v*li.* fine, and raised his rent from 46*s.* 8*d.* to 3*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.* per annum; and shewed further, that sythence that tyme two of the lyves vpon whiche his lease did depend were dead, and that the stables and water workes would require great charges of reparacions, and withall requested that he might renue his lease agayne for other iij lyves.

And upon consideracion taken of the premisses, it was the same daye concluded and agreed that Mr. Doctor Powell should renewe his lease for 99 yeres, (if Samuell Powell, his sonne, and Marye Higges and Anne Stade, his two daughters, or any of them, soe longe should live,) he payeinge v*li.* fyne and keepinge reparacions at the former rent; whiche fyne the next weeke after was trulye paid and the lease sealed at the Hall accordingly.

p. 46. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Martis, videlicet, primo die Septembris 1612.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Thomas Turnor, *Mayor.* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Robert Reeve, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Edward Bur-

ningham, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Walter Bye.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Peter Hardye, Walter Watlington, Willyam Maulthus, Willyam Iremounger, John Bagley, senior, Christofer Turnor, Roger Knight, Frauncis Seickes, Anthonye Knight, Walter Bateman, John Johnson, Willyam Kendricke, Richard Winche.

At this daye the said Mayor and Burgesses did nomynate and apoint three of the said Capitall Burgesses to sitt in eleccion, *videlicet*, Mr. Richard Turnor 1; Mr. Robert Reeve 2; Mr. Barnard Harrison 3.

[Election, *in margin.*] And then and there the said Mayor and Burgesses with one assent and consent did elect and choose the said Mr. Richard Turnor to beare the office of Mayor of this boroughe the next yeare followeinge, that is to saye, from the feast of St. Michaell th'Archaungell next ensueinge for one wholle yeare, &c.

[Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Veneris, scilicet, xviij° die Septembris 1612, annoque regni regis Jacobi 10.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Thomas Turnor, *Mayor*. Mr. Richard Turnor, electus, Mr. Robert Reve, *misericordia*, 3*s*. 4*d*., Mr. Barnard Harrison, 3*s*. 4*d*., Mr. John Blake, *misericordia*, 3*s*. 4*d*., Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Walter Bye.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Peter Hardye, 20*d*., Walter Watlington, *misericordia*, 20*d*., Willyam Maulthus, Willyam Iremonger, John Bagley, senior, Christofer Turnor, Roger Knight, Frauncis Seickes, Anthony Knight, *misericordia*, 20*d*., Walter Bateman, John Johnson, William Kendricke, *egrotus*, Richard Winche.

At this daye Sir Frauncis Knollys by his lettres made request to chaunge the estate and lease he late had by assignement from Mr. Seickes of a garden plott by the Vasternes, whiche formerly was leased to Mr. Thomas Harrison at viij*d*. rent. And it was then and there concluded and agreed that Sir Frauncis Knollys shall have a newe lease thereof for 3 lives at the rent of xii*d*. per annum.

At this daye alsoe it was ordered and decreed by the said Mayor

and Burgesses that, for the better preventing the great daunger of fire, the great yron hookes shalbe altered and made lesse at the charges of the Hall.

At this daye alsoe it was further ordered and decreed by the said Mayor and Burgesses that everye Burgesse of this place shall at his owne charges provide and have in readynes in his owne house iij leather buckettes; and every other subsidye man within the towne to provide and have in readynes in his owne house ij leather buckettes.

At this daye alsoe the said Mayor and Cheiffe Burgesses did elect and choose Mr. Willyam Maulthus to be one of the Capitall Burgesses, in the roome and place of Mr. Edward Burningham, deceassed. And the said Willyam Maulthus did then and there take the oath of a Capitall Burgesse accordinglye

p. 47. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Lune, scilicet, quinto die Octobris, anno Domini 1612, annoque regni regis Jacobi 10.

Capital Burgesses.

Mr. Thomas Turnor, *Major.* Mr. Richard Turnor, electus, Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Walter Bye, Mr. William Maulthus.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Peter Hardye, Walter Watlington, William Iremounger, John Bagley, senior, Christofer Turnor, Roger Knight, Frauncis Seickes, Anthony Knight, *absens, misericordia,* 3*s.* 4*d.*, Walter Bateman, John Johnson, Willyam Kendricke, *egrotus*, Richard Winche.

Ad hunc diem predicti Major et Burgenses comparuerunt et convenerunt in Guihalda ejusdem burgi, et adtunc et ibidem predictus Richardus Turnor, ad officia Majoris et Clerici Mercati burgi illius electus, sacramentum suum corporale cepit et prestitit coram prefato Thoma Turnor, ultimo Majore burgi illius et ultimo predecessore suo in eisdem officiis, secundum vim, formam, tenorem et effectum statuti inde editi et provisi, etc. Ac predictus Richardus Turnor, sic Major existens, adtunc et ibidem nominavit, elegit et constituit cofferarios, constabularios, gardianos et alios ministros burgi predicti, qui adtunc et ibidem ceperunt sacramenta sua separalia ad exequendum et performandum officia sua separalia infra burgum predictum, etc., videlicet,

Cofferarii	Christoferus Turnor Johannes Bagley, senior	jurati.
Constabularii	Richardus Booth Johannes Godderd	jurati.
Gardiani Alte Garde	Thomas Goodbarnes Abraham Watlington	jurati.
Minster garda	Richardus Marquicke Willelmus Foote	jurati.
London garda	Fraunciscus Terroll Robertus Jones	jurati.
Nova garda	Henricus Wither Richardus Horsingdon	jurati.
Veteris garde	Bartholmeus Gallant Richardus Swayne	jurati.

p. 48. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Veneris, scilicet, xviij° die Decembris, anno Domini 1612, annoque regni regis Jacobi x°.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Richard Turnor, *Mayor.* Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Walter Bye, *absens,* Mr. Willyam Maulthus.

Secondary Burgesses.

Peter Hardye, Walter Watlington, Willyam Iremonger, John Bagley, sen., Christofer Turnor, Roger Knighte, Frauncis Seickes, Anthony Knight, Walter Bateman, John Johnson, Willyam Kendricke, Richarde Winche.

At this daye a warrant in writing from the Feodarye of the Countye was geven to the said Mayor for the levyeinge of ayd money for lady Elizabeth, the Kinges eldest daughter, and it was then and there openly read and agreed that all the freeholders of and in the boroughe should be warned to make their appearaunce before the Justices assigned for that service at the daye and place apointed.

At this daye also Mistris Burningham brought in and delivered to the said Mayor and Burgesses a *quietus est* for the fee farme of the towne paid in to the exchecquour for the yeare in whiche Mr. Burningham was Mayor.

At this daye upon lettres from the Lord Knollis, in the behaulf of Mr. Byrd, schoolemaster in the free schoole, his stipend was

encreased vj*li.* per annum, besides the favour of his dwellinge house, to holde at the pleasure of this Companye.

At this daye John Godderd, Steven Mathewe, and Robert Bent did take oath to be and doe the office of Secondarye Burgesses of this boroughe.

At this daye a lease of the two tenementes removed from the Markett place into the old Streete and of the void grounde adjoyninge, where the Buttes did stand, was graunted to Willyam Wylmer for 99 yeres, if thre lyves by him named should lyve soe longe, he payeinge 40*li.* fyne and iij*li.* rent per annum, and keepinge reparacions, with other necessary condicions, &c.

[Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Veneris, scilicet, quinto die Martii, anno Domini 1612, annoque regni regis Jacobi x°.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Richard Turnor, *Mayor.* Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Walter Bye, *absens*, Mr. Willyam Maulthus.

Secondary Burgesses.

Peter Hardye, Walter Watlington, Willyam Iremonger, Christofer Turnor, John Bagley, sen., Roger Knighte, Frauncis Seickes, Anthony Knight, Walter Bateman, John Johnson, Willyam Kendricke, Richard Winche, Steven Mathewe, John Godderd, Robert Bent.

At this daye, accordinge to the earnest request of Mr. Walter Bye, formerly exhibited upon certen consideracions, he was permitted to resigne his place of Hedburgesse, and from thencefourth to be noe more accompted a Cheiffe Burgesse of this boroughe.

At this daye alsoe it was agreed by the said Mayor and Cheiffe Burgesses, that Mr. Willyam Iremonger shalbe a Cheiffe Burgesse in the roome and place of Mr. Bye ; afterwardes, videlicet, xvij° die Martii, anno Domini 1612, Mr. William Iremonger was called, and before the said Mayor and cheiffe Burgesses did take the oath of a Cheiffe Burgesse of this boroughe in open court.

p. 49. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Good Fridaye, the second daye of Aprill, anno Domini 1613.

At this daye before nyne of the clocke in the forenoone, the said Mayor and Burgesses beinge assembled in their Guildhall of the said

boroughe, divers maidservauntes of eache of the three parishes in Readinge were presented by name before the said Mayor and Burgesses for them to make choise of three of the best deservinge, to cast lottes for the vj*li.* xiij*s.* iiij*d.* geven by Mr. John Blagrave by his last will, at this daye to be performed, and accordingly three were then and there elected, videlicet,

Johan Seymour in St. Lawrence parishe.
Alice Younge in St. Marye parishe.
Anne Grenwaye in St. Giles parishe.

And then and there, in the presens of the said Mayor and Burgesses, those three maides did cast lottes, and it then fell to the lott of Anne Grenewaye, and she then and there had the purse and twenty nobles in money delivered to her, and then they went to the Sermon accordinge to Mr. Blagrave's will.

Die Veneris, xxviij° die Maii, anno Domini 1613.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Richard Turnor, *Mayor.* Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. John Blake, *absens*, 3*s.* 4*d.*, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, 3*s.* 4*d.*, Mr. Willyam Iremonger.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Peter Hardye, 3*s.* 4*d.*, Walter Watlington, Christofer Turnor, John Bagley, senior, Roger Knight, *egrotus*, Frauncis Seickes, Anthony Knight, *misericordia*, 3*s.* 4*d.*, Walter Bateman, John Johnson, *misericordia*, 3*s.* 4*d.*, Willyam Kendricke, Richard Winche, Steven Mathewe, *misericordia*, 3*s.* 4*d.*, John Godderd, *licenciatus*, Robert Bent.

At this daye it was agreed that the great Bridge at the Seven Bridges shalbe newe buylt, and that the cofferers shall fourthwith make provision of tymber and stuffe for the buyldinge thereof.

At this daye alsoe Mr. Thomas Turnor brought in and delivered to the said Mayor a *quietus est* for the fee farme of the towne, due for the yeare in whiche he was Mayor.

At this daye alsoe it was concluded by the said Mayor and Burgesses that from hencefourth noe man shalbe allowed or registred a freeman, althoughe he have served as an apprentice, unlesse he be enrolled accordinge to the statute, and his service affirmed by his master.

John Barker, of Readinge, barber, beinge suspected of recusancye, was this daye called before the said Mayor and Burgesses, and then and there the Oath of Allegeaunce was tendered to him, and then and there he did take oath verbatim, accordinge to the statute, Mr. Clerk, Justice of the Peace, and Mr. Doctor Denison beinge then and there present.

At this daye alsoe th'accomptes of the revenues of the Guildhall for the yere past were made and geven uppe by Mr. Christofer Turnor, cofferer for the yeare Mr. Thomas Turnor was Mayor, whiche ended at Michaellmas last past, and uppon th'accompt, all charges ordinary and extraordinarye beinge paid and allowed, there rested in stocke, besides certen arrerages of quiterentes and encrochementes, the some of xxxvj*li.* vij*s.* iiij*d.*

At this daye it was alsoe ordered and agreed by the said Mayor and Burgesses that from hencefourth noe Capitall Burgesse, Secondary Burgesse or Steward of this boroughe for the tyme beinge, upon any of their quarter dayes or other meetinges at the Guild Hall, shall come to the Hall but in his gowne decently, as beseemeth magistrates of the towne, neither shall any of the Capitall Burgesses, or the Steward for the tyme beinge, uppon the Saboth dayes or lecture dayes, goe to the Churche but in his gowne, upon peyne of fyve shillinges to be paid for every default ; and it was then alsoe agreed that the magistrates shall weare their gownes with foynes upon every eleccion daye, sub pena v*s.*

p. 50. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Mercurii, primo die Septembris, 1613, xi° Regis [5].

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Richard Turnor, *Mayor.* Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, Mr. Willyam Iremonger.

Secondary Burgesses.

Peter Hardye, Walter Watlington, Christofer Turnor, John Bagley, Roger Knight, Frauncis Seickes, Anthony Knight, Walter Bateman, John Johnson, Willyam Kendricke, Richard Winche, Steven Mathewe, John Godderd, Robert Bent.

[5] 11 James I = 24 Mar. 1613 — 23 Mar. 1614.

At this daye the said Mayor and Burgesses did name and apoynt three of the said Capitall Burgesses to be in eleccion for one of them to beare the office the next yere, videlicet:

1. Mr. Robert Reve.
2. Mr. Barnard Harrison.
3. Mr. Robert Maulthus.

And then and there the said Mayor and Burgesses, by and with all their consentes, did elect and choose the said Mr. Robert Reve to beare the office of Mayor of this boroughe the next yeare followeinge, that is to saye, from the feast of St. Michaell th'Archaungell next ensueing for one wholle yeare fully to be complete and ended.

[Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Veneris xvij° Septembris 1613, xi° regis Jacobi.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Richard Turnor, *Mayor.* Mr. Robert Reve, *electus*, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. William Iremonger.

Secondary Burgesses.

Peter Hardye, Walter Watlington, Christofer Turnor, *licenciatus*, John Bagley, senior, Roger Knight, Frauncis Seickes, Anthony Knight, *egrotus*, Walter Bateman, John Johnson, Willyam Kendricke, *egrotus*, Richard Winche, Steven Mathewe, *licenciatus*, John Godderd, Robert Bent.

At this daye th'accomptes of the two hundred poundes geven by Mr. John Blagrave towardes the purchasinge and removinge the small tenementes in the Markett place, to enlarge the Markett place, was geven uppe by Mr. Roger Knight, assigned with others to manage the busynes, and upon the accompt, all thinges paid and allowed by particulers, there remayned in money ten poundes, *js.* iiijd., whiche then and there was agreed should be employed about the pavinge of the ground in the Markett place where the howses did stand, with as muche speed as convenyently might be; and that Mr. Robert Maulthus, Roger Knight and Willyam Wylmer should take charge thereof and provide stones for that purpose.

At this daye the said Mayor and Burgesses had in remembraunce one hundred poundes of money of the guift of Sir Thomas White, whiche should come to their handes at Michaellmas next, accordinge

to the condicions of the bondes remayninge in their charge; and uppon consideracion taken thereof it was apoynted to be disposed of at their next meetinge, as apeareth in the booke of charitable uses.

p. 51. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Lune, iiij° die Octobris, anno Domini 1613, annoque regni regis Jacobi xi°.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Robert Reve, *Mayor.* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, Mr. Willyam Iremonger.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Peter Hardye, Walter Watlington, Christofer Turnor, John Bagley, sen., Roger Knight, Frauncis Seickes, Anthony Knight, Walter Bateman, John Johnson, Willyam Kendricke, Richard Winche, Steven Mathewe, John Godderd, Robert Bent.

Ad hunc diem predicti Major et Burgenses comparuerunt et convenerunt in Guihalda ejusdem burgi et adtunc et ibidem predictus Robertus Reve, ad officia Majoris et Clerici Mercati burgi illius electus, sacramentum suum corporale cepit et prestitit coram Ricardo Turnor, ultimo Majore burgi illius et ultimo predecessore suo in eisdem officiis, secundum vim, formam, tenorem et effectum statuti inde editi et provisi, etc.

Ac predictus Robertus Reve, sic Major existens, adtunc et ibidem nominavit, elegit et constituit cofferarios, constabularios, gardianos et alios ministros burgi predicti, qui adtunc et ibidem ceperunt sacramenta sua separalia ad faciendum et exequendum officia sua separalia infra burgum predictum durante tempore quo, etc., videlicet,

Cofferarii	Christopherus Turnor Johannes Johnson	jurati.
Constabularii	Johannes Dewell Johannes Wigge	jurati.
Gardiani Alte Garde	Francis Thackham Petrus Mathewe	jurati.
Minster garda	Richardus Markham Richardus Holmes	jurati.
London garda	Richardus Stampe Robertus Terroll	jurati.

Nova garda	Simo[n] Maynard Abraham Paise	jurati.
Olde Warde	Richardus Worley Willelmus Parr	jurati.

At this daye alsoe th'accomptes of all rentes and somes of money in the charge of Mr. Richard Turnor, for charitable uses in the yeare he was Mayor, was then and there published and delivered into the handes of the said Mr. Reve, beinge Mayor, by him to be disposed of for this yeare, as in the booke of accomptes for charitable uses more at large apeareth.

At this daye alsoe the securities of those whiche have the hundred poundes, parte of Sir Thomas White's guift, whiche returned the last weeke into their handes by formor securities, were brought into the Hall and there examyned and put into safe custody accordingly.

p. 52. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Veneris, xvij° die Decembris, anno Domini 1613, annoque regni regis Jacobi xi°.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Robert Reve, *Mayor.* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, Mr. Willyam Iremonger.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Walter Watlington, Christofer Turnor, John Bagley, sen., Roger Knight, Frauncis Seickes, Anthony Knight, Walter Bateman, John Johnson, Willyam Kendricke, Richard Winche, Steven Mathewe, John Goddard, Robert Bent.

At this daye th'accomptes of the revenues of the Guildhall for the yeare past were made and geven up by Christofer Turnor, cofferer for the yeare Mr. Richard Turnor was Mayor, whiche ended at Michaellmas last past, uppon whiche accomptes it apeared that his charge and receiptes in that yeare with whiche he was charged did amounte in the wholle to . ijClxiij*li.* xv*s.* iiij*d.*

Ordinarye chardges	jCxvij*li.*	xij*s.*	viij*d.*
Extraordinarye chardges . . .	138*li.*	0*s.*	9*d.*
Abatement of rent unpaid . . .		x*s.*	
Rest in th'accomptantes handes . for the use of the Hall . . .	vij*li.*	xj*s.*	vj*d.*

Of whiche extraordinarye chardges there was expended about the newe buyldinge of the great Bridge, next to Mr. Deanes house, above xxx loades of tymber, of whiche above xx loades was provided the last yere by Mr. Iremonger, and the rest cost this yeare x*li.*; to the carpenters, besides the old stuffe, viij*li.*, to the mason and for stuffe spent about that Bridge, viij*li.* x*s.* viij*d.*, and in other expences about the Bridge, xlvj*s.*, soe that Bridge cost in all at the least, besides old stuffe, lij*li.* xvj*s.* viij*d.*

[Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Martis, scilicet, primo die Marcii, anno Domini 1613.

At this daye the said Mayor and Burgesses were assembled at the Guildhall, and uppon good consideracions for the better governement of the sturdye, idle and disorderly persones, from tyme to tyme arisinge within the said boroughe, whiche cause and move muche trouble to the officers, yt was concluded and agreed that parte of their house, called the Hospitall, shalbe applyed and used for a house of correction; and for the better establishinge and contynuaunce thereof a convenyent stocke shall fourthwith be raised of th'inhabitauntes within the said boroughe by taxacion.

[Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Veneris, scilicet, Good Fridaye, the xxijth daye of Aprill, 1614.

At this daye the said Mayor and Burgesses beinge assembled in their Guildhall, presentmentes were made of divers maidservauntes out of every the thre parishes in Reading for eleccion to be made of iij of them to cast lottes for the twenty nobles, accordinge to the tenour of Mr. John Blagrave's last will; whiche then and there was done, as in the booke of charitable uses more at large appeareth.

[House of Correccion, *in margin.*] At this daye alsoe there was present, with the said Mayor and Burgesses in the Guildhall, Sir Frauncis Knollis, Mr. Frauncis Moore and Mr. Edward Clerke, Justices of Peace in the said countye, and inhabitinge within the said boroughe, and of, by and with all their consentes and agreament, advise and direccions, it was then and there[6] agreed that for the settinge to worke of suche rogues, vagabondes, sturdye and unruly persones as from tyme to tyme should arise and be within the said boroughe, a house of correccion should be established, supported and

[6] *their*, MS.

contynued within the said boroughe; and that a stocke or some of 50*li.* to provide hempe, flaxe and other necessarye stuffe and implementes for the settinge them to worke should be fourthwith had and raised of th'inhabitauntes within the said boroughe by taxacion; and that there shalbe six honest men, videlicet, ij out of eache parrishe named, whiche shalbe presente masters and governours thereof, and soe yerely to be named for that purpose; and that there shalbe a sufficient man apoynted to use the said stocke and to sett the people to worke, whiche shalbe comytted thither, under suche condicions as by, &c., *postea.*

p. 53. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Veneris, scilicet, xvj° die Junii, anno Domini 1614, annoque[7] regni regis Jacobi xii°.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Robert Reve, *Mayor.* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. William Iremonger.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Walter Watlington, Christofer Turnor, John Bagley, sen., Roger Knight, Francis Seickes, Anthony Knight, *absens*, Walter Batman, John Johnson, *egrotus*, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, *absens*, Robert Bent.

At this daye Mr. Richard Turnor brought in the *quietus est* for the yeare past in whiche he was Mayor, 1612 – 1613.

At this daye Mr. Frauncis Moore, by and accordinge to an order made by the Lord Chauncelor, brought in and delivered to the said Mayor and Burgesses certen evidences concerninge the Churches of St. Maries and St. Giles in Readinge, namely, one deed under the hand and seale of Sir Frauncis Englefeild, Knight, deceassed, dated 22° Aprilis, anno 3 et 4 of Phillip and Marye, whereby the said Sir Frauncis did geve the Rectorye im[pro]priate of the Churche of St. Maryes to John Wheatham, then Vicar of the said Churche, and to his successors for ever, with a licens of mortmayne bearinge date the xix^th^ of February in the said yeares, &c.; and alsoe lettres patentes from the late Queene Elizabeth, bearinge date 28° Novembris, anno xvj°, whereby the severall Rectories of St. Maries and St. Giles are

[7] 12 James I = 24 Mar. 1614 – 23 Mar. 1615.

agayne severally geven to the Vicars of the said two Churches, and to their successors for ever; and they were then and there put in boxe and receyved into the custody of the said Mayor and Burgesses accordinglye.

[Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Jovis, videlicet, primo die Septembris, anno Domini 1614, annoque regni regis Jacobi xii°.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Robert Reve, *Mayor.* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. William Iremonger.

Secondary Burgesses.

Walter Watlington, Christofer Turnor, John Bagley, senior, Roger Knight, Frauncis Seickes, Anthony Knight, Walter Bateman, *absens,* John Johnson, William Kendricke, *egrotus,* Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent.

At this daye the said Mayor and Burgesses did name and apoynt three of the said Capitall Burgesses to sitt in eleccion for one of them to be chosen to beare the office of Mayor the next yeare, videlicet,

1. Mr. Barnard Harrison.
2. Mr. Robert Maulthus.
3. Mr. Willyam Maulthus.

And then and there the said Mayor and Burgesses, by and with all their consentes, did elect and choose Mr. Robert Maulthus to beare the office of Mayor of this boroughe the next yeare followeinge, that is to saye, from the feast of St. Michaell th'Archaungell next ensueinge, for one wholle yeare fully to be complete, &c.

At this daye Jerome Pococke, Willyam Brackston, John Dewell and George Thorne were called into the Guildhall and every of them did take oath and were admytted and made Secondarye Burgesses of this boroughe.

p. 54. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Lune, tertio die Octobris, anno Domini 1614, annoque regni regis Jacobi 12°.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Robert Reve, *Mayor.* Mr. Robert Maulthus, *electus,* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. William Maulthus, *absens,* Mr. William Iremonger.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Walter Watlington, Christofer Turnor, John Bagley, senior, Roger Knight, Frauncis Seickes, Anthony Knight, Walter Bateman, John Johnson, Willyam Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, Jerome Pococke, Willyam Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne.

Ad hunc diem predicti Major et Burgenses comparuerunt et convenerunt in Guihalda ejusdem burgi, et adtunc et ibidem predictus Robertus Maulthus, ad officia Majoris et Clerici Mercati burgi illius electus, sacramentum suum corporale coram Roberto Reve, ultimo Majore burgi illius et ultimo predecessore suo in eisdem officiis, cepit et prestitit secundum vim, formam, tenorem et effectum statuti inde editi et provisi, etc., et secundum vim, formam, tenorem et effectum litterarum patencium, etc.

Ac predictus Robertus Maulthus, sic Major burgi predicti existens, adtunc et ibidem nominavit, elegit et constituit cofferarios, constabularios, gardianos et alios ministros burgi predicti, qui adtunc et ibidem ceperunt sacramenta sua separalia ad faciendum et exequendum officia sua separalia infra burgum predictum, durante tempore quo, etc.

Cofferarii	Walterus Bateman Willelmus Kendricke	jurati.
Constabularii	Arthurus Curtys Thomas Rumbilowe	jurati.
Gardiani Alte Garde	Georgius Woldridge Thomas Lane	jurati.
Gardiani Minster Ward	James Mathewe Richardus Hussey	jurati.
London Ward	Johannes Tenche Willelmus Pottinger	jurati.
Newe Warde	Thomas Pococke William White	jurati.
Olde Warde	Thomas Pasmore Richard Wisdome	jurati.

Governors of the House of Correccion for this yeare	Roger Knight Robert Bent Richard Winche George Thorne

Governors of the House of Correccion for this yeare { Jerome Pococke, John Symes.

At this daye the said Mayor, before he was discharged of his office, made a true accompt of John Alarder's rentes and of all other rentes and somes of money in his charge for charitable uses in the yeare nowe past, as in the accomptes of charitable uses more at large appeareth.

At this daye alsoe the said Mayor made it knowne to the Companye howe the money taxed and raised amongest th'inhabitantes for the house of correction was expended, and what stocke in money and goodes is there remayninge in charge, as in the booke of those accomptes appeareth.

p. 55. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Decimo quinto die Decembris, anno Domini 1614, annoque regni regis Jacobi xii°.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, Mr. Willyam Iremonger.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Walter Watlington, Christofer Turnor, John Bagley, Roger Knight, Frauncis Seickes, Anthony Knight, *absens*, Walter Bateman, John Johnson, Willyam Kendricke, Richard Winche, *absens*, John Godderd, *absens*, Robert Bent, Jerome Pococke, Willyam Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne.

At this daye the 50*li.* geven by Mr. Edward Kemishe, late of London, merchant, deceassed, was paid to the said Mayor and Burgesses to be imployed for releife of xxilij poore men of this boroughe for ever, accordinge to his will, whiche more playnly apeareth in the booke for charitable uses.

At this daye alsoe Mr. Robert Reve, the late Mayor, brought in an acquytaunce in writing, dated the xxiiij^th^ daye of November, 1614, witnessinge the receipt of lxiiij*li.* xvj*s.* vj*d.* of the free guift of the Corporacion and inhabitantes of this boroughe to the Kinges Majestie by waye of benevolence, required of them voluntarily by lettres from the Lords of his Majesties most honorable Privie Counsell.

[Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Lune, xix° die Decembris, anno Domini 1614, annoque regni regis Jacobi xii°.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, Mr. Willyam Iremonger.

At this daye th'accomptes of all the rentes and revenues of the Guildhall for the yeare ended at the feast of Saint Michaell th'Archaungell last past, in whiche Mr. Robert Reve was Mayor, were made and geven uppe by Christofer Turnor, cofferer, and upon th'accomptes it then apeared that his receiptes and charge in that yeare were in all as followeth:

Rentes and Receiptes in all ijCj*li.* xv*s.* vj*d.* and v*s.*

Ordinarye chardges,	jCxviij*li.* ij*s.* viij*d.*	in all ijC*li.* xiij*s.* x*d.* expended this yeare.
Extraordinarye charges and abatementes this yeare	lxxxij*li.* xj*s.* viij*d.*	

Soe rest in stocke, whiche was then and there delivered to Walter Bateman, cofferer, xxvij*s.* j*d.* in money.

And in olde debt, v*li.*, in all 6*li.* 7*s.* 1*d.*

p. 56. [Boroughe of Readinge, *in margin.*] Quarter daye, Fridaye 3° Martii 1614.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Barnard Harrison, *egrotus*, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. William Iremonger.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Walter Watlington, Christofer Turnor, John Bagley, Roger Knight, *absens per licentiam*, Frauncis Seickes, Anthony Knight, *absens per licenciam*, Walter Bateman, John Johnson, Willyam Kendricke, Richard Winche, *absens per licenciam*, John Godderd, Robert Bent, Jerome Pococke, *absens per licenciam*, Willyam Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne.

At this daye the said Capitall Burgesses had in remembraunce the cominge of the Queene to the Towne, provision beinge made for her staye at the Fryers for one daye and night as she was goeing to the Bath; and it was considered what was fitt to be done by the Company at her Majesties cominge; and it was then con-

cluded that the Company should then attend and shewe themselves in dutie, but not to geve any present unlesse they shalbe further advised soe to doe by the Lord Knolles, beinge Highe Steward.

At this daye the lettres from the Lordes of the Counsell concerninge the lotterye for the helpe of the Englishe in Virginia, were openly read and referd to further consideracion.

At this daye a lease of the cottage in Minster Streete was graunted to Walter Bateman for 99 yeares, to depend uppon three lives, at the rent of x*s.*; it was formerly, untill this tyme holden by copie of Court Rolle graunted by the Abbott at 3*s.* 4*d.* per annum, and this yeare fell into the possession of the Corporacion by the death of the tenaunte.

At this daye it was alsoe agreed that Robert Bent and George Wooldridge shall holde the well in the Markett place and dispose of the benefitt thereof at their will and pleasure for the terme of xxj yeares, they payeinge yearly rent iiij*d.* to the Hall and keepinge the well in reparacions and in serviceable manner, as a well ought to be kept, provided alwayes that the constables and officers shall or maye at all tymes use the postes for whippinge of rougues and vagrauntes at their pleasure duringe all that tyme.

Anthony Brackston, Richard Jones, clothiers, were sworne and bound in 40*li.* a peice to doe the office of Overseers of Cloth made within the boroughe, coram Rogero Knight, Majore, et Edwardo Clerke, armigero, Justiciariis domini Regis.

p. 57. [Boroughe of Readinge, *in margin.*] Quarter daye, Fridaye 2° Junii 1615, 13° regis Jacobi[8].

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. John Blake, *absens*, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *absens*, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. William Iremonger, *absens.*

Secondarye Burgesses.

Walter Watlington, Christofer Turnor, *absens*, John Bagley, Roger Knight, *absens*, Frauncis Seickes, Anthony Knight, Walter Bateman, Willyam Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, Jerome Pococke, Willyam Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne.

[8] 13 James I = 24 Mar. 1615 – 23 Mar. 1616.

At this daye request was made in the behaulf of Mr. Barnard Harrison that in regard of his blyndnes he might be discharged of his place of a Capitall Burgesse, and upon consideracions it was referd untill the next meetinge.

At this daye it was alsoe agreed that the Counsells lettres concerninge the lotterye should be put in execution upon Mondaye next by 8 of the clocke in the morninge, and that in the meane tyme the better sort of men in the towne should be warned to geve their attendaunce and deliver what they shall thinke good to adventure in the lotterie.

At this daye alsoe a lease of the two tenementes at Pangborne Lane end was graunted to Edward Slarke for 99 yeares, to depend uppon iij lives, at the rent of xl*s.* per annum and under the usuall covenauntes and condicions, &c.

p. 58. [Boroughe of Readinge, *in margin.*] Election daye, Fridaye j° Septembris 1615, 13° regis Jacobi.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Barnard Harrison, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. William Iremonger.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Walter Watlington, Christofer Turnor, John Bagley, Roger Knight, Frauncis Seickes, Anthony Knight, Walter Bateman, Willyam Kendricke, *egrotus*, Richard Winche, John Godderd, *absens*, Robert Bent, Jerome Pococke, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne.

At this daye a second request was made by Mr. Barnard Harrison, that in regarde of his blyndnes he might be dischardged of his place and from the eleccion, and by the greater number of the Magistrates it was graunted, and he was then discharged of his place.

And at this daye and tyme Mr. Christofer Turnor was nomynated and called to be a Capitall Burgesse, and then and there did take the oath of a Capitall Burgesse accordinglye.

And at this daye the said Mayor and Cheiffe Burgesses, accordinge to the directions of the charter, did name and apoynt iij of

the said Capitall Burgesses to sitt in election to th'intent that one of those iij should be elected Mayor the next yeare, videlicet;

1. Mr. William Maulthus, *electus.*
2. Mr. William Iremonger.
3. Mr. Nicholas Gunter.

Quarter daye, Fridaye the xxij[th] daye of September, 1615, 13° regis Jacobi.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Willyam Maulthus, *electus,* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Christofer Turnor.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Walter Watlington, John Bagley, Roger Knight, Frauncis Seickes, Anthony Knight, Walter Bateman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, Jerome Pococke, Willyam Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne.

At this daye divers of th'inhabitauntes, videlicet, Mr. Willyam Westley, Arther Curtys, John Arther, William Yare, Richard Coxed, and Roger Pearce, beinge formerly presented and amerced for encrochmentes by them made upon the streetes and common soyle, made their composicion with the said Mayor and Burgesses and agreed to paye everye man for the ground encroched, and for the offence yearly as apeareth in the rent rolle.

p. 59. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Lunæ, secundo die Octobris, anno Domini 1615, 13° regis Jacobi.

Capitales Burgenses.

Mr. Robertus Maulthus, *Major.* Mr. Willelmus Maulthus, *Maior electus,* Mr. Richardus Turnor, Mr. Robertus Reve, Mr. Johannes Blake, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholaus Gunter, Mr. Willelmus Iremonger, Mr. Christofer Turnor.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Walter Watlington, Johannes Bagley, Rogerus Knight, Franciscus Seickes, Anthonius Knight, Walter Bateman, Willelmus Kendricke, Richardus Winche, Johannes Godderd, Robertus Bent, Jeronimus Pococke, Willelmus Brackston, Johannes Dewell, George Thorne.

Ad hunc diem predictus Major computasset in Guihalda predicta,

coram Burgensibus predictis et aliis adtunc et ibidem presentibus, tam de omnibus redditibus terrarum Johannis Alarder quam de omnibus et singulis aliis denariorum summis, que ad manus suas devenerunt pro usibus charitatis in anno quo ipse fuit Major, ut plenius liquet et apparet in libro usuum charitatis.

Ad hunc diem predicti Major et Burgenses comparuerunt et convenerunt in Guihalda predicta, et adtunc et ibidem predictus Willelmus Maulthus, ad officia Majoris et Clerici Marcati burgi illius electus, sacramentum suum corporale coram Roberto Maulthus, ultimo Majore burgi illius et ultimo predecessore suo in eisdem officiis, cepit et prestitit secundum vim, formam, tenorem et effectum statuti inde editi et provisi, etc., et secundum vim, formam, tenorem et effectum literarum patencium, etc.

Ac predictus Willelmus Maulthus, sic Major burgi predicti existens, adtunc et ibidem nominavit, elegit et constituit cofferarios, constabularios, gardianos et alios ministros burgi, qui adtunc et ibidem ceperunt sacramenta sua separalia ad faciendum et exequendum officia sua separalia infra burgum predictum, durante tempore quo, etc.

	Walterus Bateman Willelmus Kendricke	electi, nominati et jurati Cofferarii.
Constabularii	Willelmus Hill David Terroll	jurati.
Gardiani Alte Warde	Alexander Blagrave Thomas Thackham	jurati.
Minster Ward	Jacobus Winche Johannes Johnson	jurati.
London Ward	Johannes Pemmarton Willelmus Sharpe	jurati.
Newe Warde	Thomas Porter Willelmus Horsingdon	jurati.
Old Warde	Johannes Parre Henry Freman	jurati.
	Robertus Bent Johannes Dewell Willelmus Kendricke Georgius Thorne Walterus Bateman Jeronimus Pococke	supervisores Hospitalis et Domus Correccionis.

p. 60. [Boroughe of Readinge, *in margin.*] Mondaye j° Decembris, anno Domini 1615, 13° regis Jacobi.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Christofer Turnor.

At this daye th'accomptes of all the rentes and revenues of the Guildhall for the yeare past in whiche Mr. Robert Maulthus was Mayor, that is to saye, from Michaellmas 1614 untill Michaellmas 1615, were made and geven to Walter Bateman, cofferer; and by th'accomptes it was then founde that the rentes, receiptes and expences in that yeare were as followeth :—

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Rentes and receiptes in all . .	225	3	7
Ordinarye charges	118	17	4
Extraordinarye expences. . .	98	10	5
Rest in stocke .	07	19	10
Of which in arrerages in the rolle .	6	17	0
And in readye money . . .	1	2	10

whiche was then delivered backe to the said accomptaunt untill the next accompt, he beinge cofferer for the next yeare.

More paid then to the cofferer for the extractes of amerciamentes for the lawe daye :— . .	1	10	6
More upon the extractes of the amerciamentes of the Clerke of the Markett .	0	15	0
Soe in money rest	3	8	4

in stocke.

Quarter daye, Fridaye 22° die Decembris, 1615.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Richard Turnor, Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Christofer Turnor.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. Barnard Harrison, Walter Watlington, John Bagley, Roger Knight, Frauncis Seickes, Anthony Knight, Walter Bateman,

William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, Jerome Pococke, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne.

At this daye iiij*li.* beinge the proffitt of the stocke of 50*li.* geven by Mr. Edward Kemishe was distributed to xxiiij poore inhabitantes of the towne accordinge to his will as in the booke of charitable uses more at large appeareth.

And in like manner xvj shirtes and smockes geven by Mr. James Pococke were then alsoe distributed to the poore accordinge to his will, as in the booke for charitable uses, relacion beinge thereunto had, appeareth.

At this daye Mr. Robert Maulthus brought in and delyvered to the Mayor and Burgesses a *quietus est* out of th'exchequor, for discharge of the fee farme of the towne for the yeare in whiche he was Mayor.

p. 61. [Boroughe of Readinge, *in margin.*] Quarter daye, Fridaye 23° Februarii, anno Domini 1615, 13° regis Jacobi.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Richard Turnor, *egrotus,* Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Christofer Turnor.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. Barnard Harrison, Walter Watlington, John Bagley, Roger Knight, Frances Seickes, Anthony Knight, Walter Bateman, Willyam Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, Jerome Pococke, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne.

At this daye a lease of the house in Fryer Streete, late in the tenure of John Mathewe, was graunted to Willyam Berrey for 99 yeares, to depend upon 3 lyves, suche as he shall name, at and for the rent of iij*li.* per annum, and payeinge haulf a yeares rent for a herryott at the death of every one of those lyves, and keepinge reparacions; provided alwayes, that he shall not devide the house into severall tenementes or make more dwellinges then one of the house, nor alyen the lease without lycens, &c.

Mondaye, the viij^th^ of Aprill, 1616, 14° regis Jacobi [9].

[9] 14 James I = 24 Mar. 1616 — 23 Mar. 1617.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Christofer Turnor.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. Barnard Harrison, Walter Watlington, John Bagley, Roger Knight, Frauncis Seickes, Anthony Knight, Walter Bateman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, Jerome Pococke, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne.

At this daye, uppon the request of Mr. Barnard Harrison, a parcell of the void grounde lyeinge in St. Gyles' parrishe, at or nere the place called the Buttes, nere the highwaye side, was frely graunted to him, to th'intent and purpose that he shall, at his owne costes and chardges, thereupon erect and buyld iiij^{or} small tenementes, and make them habitable for iiij^{or} poore persons there to dwell rent free for ever, himself to have the placinge and displacinge of those whiche shall therein dwell duringe his naturall lief, and after his deceasse the said Mayor and Capitall Burgesses to have the placinge and displacinge of those people dwellinge in those tenementes for ever.

At this daye alsoe Mr. Richard Turnor, beinge deceassed, the said Mayor and Magestrates did name, elect and apoynt Mr. Roger Knight to be one of the Capitall Burgesses, and he then and there did take the oath of a Capitall Burgesse accordinglye.

p. 62. [Boroughe of Readinge, *in margin.*] Quarter daye, Fridaye the xxiiijth of Maye, anno Domini 1616, 14° regis Jacobi.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. Roger Knight.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. Barnard Harrison, Walter Watlington, John Bagley, senior, Frauncis Seickes, Anthony Knight, Walter Bateman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, Jerome Pococke, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne.

At this daye Mr. Christofer Turnor brought and delyvered to

the said Mayor and Burgesses a copie of his father's will, concerninge his father's guift to the Mayor and Burgesses for the use of the poore, &c., and at the same tyme he paid the five poundes, whiche his father gave by his will, towardes the furnishing of the House of Correction with thinges necessarie.

At this daye a lease of the stable and lofte, stonehouse and garden at the old Yeldhall, formerly in the occupacion of Mr. Robert Maulthus, by lease, was graunted to Mr. Robert Maulthus for 99 yeares, to depend uppon three lives, at and for the rent of 3*li.* per annum, and one haulf yeares rent for a herryott at the death of every of those 3 lives, and under the usuall covenauntes, &c.

Another lease of the house in Cheese Rewe, late in the tenure of Willyam Bate, deceassed, was then alsoe graunted to the said Robert Maulthus for the like terme of 3 lyves, at and for the rent of iij*li.* x*s.* per annum, one haulf yeres rent for a herryott, and under the usuall condicions, &c.

Tertio die Junii, anno Domini 1616.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayor*, and Mr. Edward Clerke, esquire, Justices, &c. Mr. John Blake, Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. Roger Knight.

At this daye and tyme, Thomas Filpe and Edward Andrewes, clothiers, were sworne and bound in 40*li.* a peice by recognizaunce to doe the office of Overseers of Cloth made and to be made within this boroughe, &c.

p. 63. [Boroughe of Readinge, *in margin.*] Election daye, Mondaye the seconde daye of September, 1616, 14° regis Jacobi.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayor*. Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. Roger Knighte.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. Barnard Harrison, Walter Watlington, John Newman, Frauncis Seickes, Anthony Knight, Walter Bateman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, Jerome Pococke, *egrotus*, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne.

At this daye the said Mayor and Cheiffe Burgesses, according to the directions of the charter, did name, assigne and apoynt three of the said Capitall Burgesses to sitt in election to th'intent that one of those iij should be elected Mayor for the next yeare, videlicet: 1. Mr. William Iremonger, I.

2. Mr. Christofer Turnor, IIIIIIIIII.

3. Mr. Roger Knighte, IIIIIIIIII. Mayor elect.

Quarter daye, videlicet, Fridaye the xx^th^ daye of September, anno Domini 1616, annoque regni regis Jacobi 14°.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Roger Knighte, *electus,* Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *absens,* Mr. Robert Maulthus, *absens,* Mr. William Iremonger, *egrotus,* Mr. Christofer Turnor.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. Barnard Harrison, Walter Watlington, John Newman, Frauncis Seickes, *egrotus,* Anthony Knighte, Walter Bateman, William Kendricke, *absens,* Richard Winche, *absens,* John Godderd, *absens,* Robert Bent, Jerome Pococke, *egrotus,* Willyam Brackston, *absens,* John Dewell, George Thorne, *absens.*

Afterwardes, videlicet, the xxiij^th^ daye of the said September, it was concluded and agreed by the said Capitall Burgesses that, for more decencye and comelynes amongest themselves, everye Capitall Burgesse of this boroughe, within three monethes next after the daye in whiche he shall take the oath of a Capitall Burgesse, shall from hencefourth provide and have in readynes one gowne, furred with foynes or martens, agreable to the other Magestrates' gownes, whiche he shall weare at the dayes and tymes in the former order sett down, upon peyne of forfeyture of xx*s.* to be paid for every tyme in whiche he shall make deault, &c.

p. 64. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Lunæ, scilicet, ultimo die Septembris, anno Domini 1616, 14° regni regis Jacobi.

Capitales Burgenses.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayor.* Rogerus Knight, *Mayor electus,* Robertus Reve, Johannes Blake, Thomas Turnor, Nicholas Gunter, Robertus Maulthus, Willelmus Iremonger, *egrotus,* Christoferus Turnor.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Barnard Harrison, Walter Watlington, Johannes Newman, Francis Seickes, Anthony Knight, Walter Bateman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, Jerome Pococke, *egrotus*, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne.

Ad hunc diem predictus Willelmus Maulthus, Major, in Guihalda, coram omnibus Burgensibus et aliis adtunc et ibidem presentibus, computasset pro omnibus redditibus et proficuis terrarum nuper Johannis Leche, alias dicti Johannis Alarder, ac de omnibus et singulis aliis denariorum summis, que ad manus suas devenerunt pro usibus caritatis in anno ultimo preterito, in quo ipse fuit Major, ut plenius liquet et apparet in altro libro in quo computaciones ille scripte sunt.

Postea eodem die predicti Major et Burgenses comparuerunt et convenerunt in Guihalda predicta, et adtunc et ibidem predictus Rogerus Knight, ad officia Majoris et Clerici Mercati burgi illius electus, sacramentum suum corporale coram predicto Willelmo Maulthus, ultimo Majore burgi illius et ultimo predecessore suo in eisdem officiis, cepit et prestitit secundum vim, formam, tenorem et effectum statuti inde editi et provisi, etc., et secundum vim, formam, tenorem et effectum litterarum patentium, etc.

Cofferarii, Willelmus Kendricke, Richardus Winche, per assensum Capitalium Burgensium predictorum, electi, nominati et jurati fuerunt.

Ac predictus Rogerus Knight, sic Major burgi predicti existens, adtunc et ibidem nominavit, elegit et constituit cofferarios, constabularios, gardianos et alios ministros burgi predicti, qui adtunc et ibidem ceperunt sacramenta sua separalia ad faciendum et exequendum officia sua separalia infra burgum predictum, durante tempore quo, etc.

Constabularii	George Thorne Robert Dye	jurati.
Highward	Robert Wickyns William White	jurati.
Minster Ward	Walter Byrd James Hill	jurati.
London Ward	John Grove Thomas Symes	jurati.

Newe Warde	Richard Wapshott Hughe Patye	jurati.
Old Warde	Robert Terroll Richard [10] Tewe	jurati.

Johannes Dewell
Johannes Bagley
Willelmus Kendricke
Willelmus Brackston
Walter Bateman
Richard Booth
} supervisores Hospitalis et Domus Correctionis.

p. 65. [Boroughe of Readinge, *in margin.*] Mondaye, the xiij^th^ daye of October, 1616, 14° regni regis Jacobi.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Roger Knighte, *Mayor.* Mr. Clerke, *Steward*, Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. John Blake, *absens*, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. William Iremonger, *egrotus*, Mr. Christofer Turnor.

At this daye Mr. William Maulthus, late Mayor, brought in a warrant under the hand of Sir Thomas Neale, Knight, Auditor of the County of Berkes, whiche required payment of the fee farme of this boroughe, due at Michaellmas last, to be paid into his charge, whiche at all tymes before was yerely paid into th'exquechour; and beinge the first tyme that suche warrant came to the towne for payment of the fee farme, by the Magistrates present it was resolved and agreed that Mr. Steward and Mr. William Maulthus should goe to the Auditor and, if it did appeare unto them that the fee farme was transferd into his charge by sufficient aucthority, that then the fee farme should be paid to him; and it was then paid to the Auditor accordinglye.

Mundaye, the second daye of December, 1616.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Roger Knighte, *Mayor.* Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Christofer Turnor.

At this daye th'accomptes of all the rentes and revenewes of the Guildhall for the yeare past in whiche Mr. William Maulthus

[10] Richard *substituted for* Hughe, MS.

was Mayor, videlicet, from Michaellmas 1615 untill Michaellmas 1616, were made and geven uppe before the said Mayor and Burgesses by Walter Bateman, cofferer and accomptant, as followeth, videlicet, the particulers seene and allowed:

Rentes and receiptes in all, as apeareth .	ijCxxj*li.*	vj*s.*	vj*d.*
Ordinarye chardges this yeare . . .	jCxxj*li.*	xiij*s.*	iiij*d.*
Extraordinarye chardges this yere . .	jCiiij*li.*	vij*s.*	ij*d.*
Rest in debt:	v*li.*	vij*s.*	

Quarter daye, videlicet, Fridaye the xx^th^ daye of December, 1616.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Roger Knighte, *Mayor.* Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. William Iremonger, *egrotus*, Mr. Christofer Turnor.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. Barnard Harrison, Walter Watlington, John Newman, Frauncis Seickes, Anthony Knight, *absens*, Walter Bateman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, Jerome Pococke, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne.

At this daye Mr. William Maulthus brought in and delivered to the said Mayor and Burgesses a *quieti sunt* for the fee farme due to be paid in the yeare he was Mayor, videlicet, from Michaellmas 1615 untill Michaellmas 1616, by whiche it apeared that he paid the fee farme to the Auditor and had his discharge thereof under his hand; this was the first tyme of payment thereof to the Auditors.

At this daye it was agayne remembred and agreed by the said Mayor and Burgesses that from hencefourth noe lease of any the landes or tenementes belonginge to the said Mayor and Burgesses shalbe graunted for three lives, or for 99 yeres to depend uppon iij lives, unlesse upon every suche lease the tenaunt be enjoyned to paye one haulf-yeares rent for and in name of a herriott, at and upon the death of every lief named in every suche lease.

p. 66. [Boroughe of Readinge, *in margin.*] Quarter daye, Fridaye the xiiij^th^ daye of Marche, 1616.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayor.* Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Thomas Turnor, *absens*, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert

Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Christofer Turnor.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. Barnard Harrison, Walter Watlington, John Newman, *absens*, Frauncis Seickes, *absens*, Anthony Knight, Walter Bateman, *absens*, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, *absens*, John Godderd, Robert Bent, Jerome Pococke, Willyam Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne.

At this daye request was made by the Steward and Attornyes of the Court that certen of the fees and dutyes of the Court might be increased and the Jurors allowaunces upon everye tryall made better in regard of their paynes and attendaunce; and it was then considered of and some encrease and better allowaunces made then heretofore, and left to further consideracion as in the daye booke appeareth.

[Boroughe of Readinge, *in margin.*] Quarter daye, Fridaye xiijth daye of June, 1617, 15° regni regis Jacobi[1].

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayor*. Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. John Blake, *absens*, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Christofer Turnor.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. Barnard Harrison, Walter Watlington, John Newman, Frauncis Seickes, Anthony Knight, Walter Bateman, *absens*, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, Jerome Pococke, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne.

At this daye a second lettre from Sir Frauncis Bacon, Knight, Lord Keeper, &c., to the said Mayor and Burgesses, in the behaulf of one Mr. Heringdon, a habberdasher of London, to have him a freman of the towne, to use his trade in the shoppe and roome of Mr. Colthirst, decessed, was this daye openly read, and embraced of all the Companye, but not at this tyme concluded, but referd, &c.

p. 67. [Boroughe of Readinge, *in margin.*] Election daye, Mondaye the first day of September, 1617, 15° regni regis Jacobi.

[1] 15 James I = 24 Mar. 1617 – 23 Mar. 1618.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayor.* Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Christofer Turnor.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. Barnard Harrison, Walter Watlington, John Newman, Frauncis Seickes, Anthony Knight, Walter Bateman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, Jerome Pococke, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne.

At this daye the said Mayor and Capitall Burgesses accordinge to the directions of the Charter did name, assigne and appoynte three of the said Capitall Burgesses to sitt in election, to th'intent that one of those iij should be elected Mayor for the next yeare, videlicet;

1. Mr. William Iremonger, IIIIII.
2. Mr. Christopher Turnor, IIIIIIIIIII, Mayor elect.
3. Mr. Nicholas Gunter, III.

At this daye it was agreed that the cofferer shall paye and geve to Mr. Thomas Turnor iij*li.* vj*s.* in recompence of his chardges and damages susteyned in enterteyninge the Judges at the last Assizes.

At this daye it was alsoe agreed by the said Mayor and Burgesses that Mr. Heringdon, the habberdasher, shalbe allowed a freman to use his trade within this boroughe and shall paye for his fine iij*li.*

[Boroughe of Readinge, *in margin.*] Quarter daye: Fridaye the xixth daye of September, 1617, 15° regni regis Jacobi.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayor.* Mr. Christofer Turnor, *electus,* Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. William Iremonger.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. Barnard Harrison, Walter Watlington, *absens,* John Newman, Frauncis Seickes, Anthony Knight, *egrotus,* Walter Bateman, *absens,* William Kendricke, *absens,* Richard Winche, John Godderd, *absens,*

Robert Bent, Jerome Pococke, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne.

p. 68. [Boroughe of Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Lune, 6 die Octobris, 1617, ac 15° regni regis Jacobi, Anglie, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayor.* Mr. Christopher Turnor, *electus*, Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, *absens*, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, Mr. Willyam Iremonger.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. Barnard Harrison, Walter Watlington, John Newman, Frauncis Seickes, Anthony Knight, Walter Bateman, Willyam Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, Jerome Pococke, Willyam Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne.

At this daye Mr. Christopher Turnor, the said newe elected Mayor, tooke the oath of supremacye and then by direccions of the charter did take oath before Mr. Roger Knight, his last predecessor Mayor, to doe the offices of Mayor, Justice of Peace and Clarke of the Markett within the said boroughe, accordinge to the statute, &c., and did then and there name and apoynt cofferers, constables, wardens and other officers of, in and for the said boroughe as followeth, videlicet:

Cofferers	Willyam Kendricke Richard Winche	jurati.
Constables	Richard Joyes and Richard Stampe	jurati.
Highwarde	Christofer Blower Richard Seelye	wardens, jurati.
Minster Warde	Christopher Goad and John Myles, sadler	wardens, jurati.
London Warde	Thomas Bateman Nicholas Westwood	wardens, jurati.
Newe Warde	Peter Mathewe Wm. Horsingdon	wardens, jurati.
Olde Warde	Henry Plommer Wm. Plomridge	wardens, jurati.

At this daye and tyme, the said cofferers and constables were

apoynted to be overseers and governours of the house of correccion for this yeare followeinge.

p. 69. [Boroughe of Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Lunæ, 15° Decembris, anno Domini 1617, ac 15° anno regni regis Jacobi, Anglie, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Christofer Turnor, *Mayor.* Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Willyam Iremonger.

Willyam Kendricke } cofferers.
Richard Winche }

At this daye the Hall accomptes were made and geven by the cofferers to the said Mayor and Magestrates, and then it was found that the Hall rested indebted to th'accomptant, Mr. Kendricke, xxj*li.* xvij*s.* x*d.*, as by the particulers thereof apeareth.

In that yeare there was expended in the sute in the Exchequor for the tolle of the Markett } lvj*li.*

And in buyldinge the dormer over the stayres at the Hall doore at th'entringe into the Hall } xv*li.* vij*s.* ij*d.*

[Boroughe of Readinge, *in margin.*] Quarter daye, Fridaye 19° die Decembris, 1617, ac 15° regni regis Jacobi, Anglie, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Christofer Turnor, *Mayor.* Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. William Iremonger.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Walter Watlington, Frauncis Seickes, Anthony Knight, Walter Bateman, Willyam Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, Jerome Pococke, Willyam Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Newman.

p. 70. [Boroughe of Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Veneris, xxviij° Februarii, anno Domini 1617, et 15° regni regis Jacobi, Anglie, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Christofer Turnor, *Mayor.* Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. John

Blake, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Willyam Iremonger.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. Barnard Harrison, Walter Watlington, Frauncis Seickes, Anthony Knight, Walter Bateman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, Jerome Pococke, Willyam Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Newman.

At this daye Mr. Roger Knight brought in the *quieti sunt* for the last yeare in whiche he was Mayor, videlicet, from Michaellmas 1616 untill Michaellmas 1617.

[Boroughe of Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Veneris, 29° die Maii, 1618, ac 16° regni regis Jacobi[2], Anglie, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Christofer Turnor, *Mayor.* Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. John Blake, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. William Iremonger.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. Barnard Harrison, Walter Watlington, Frauncis Seickes, Anthony Knight, Walter Bateman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, Jerome Pococke, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Newman.

At this daye it was graunted that Mr. William Brackston should renue the lease of his house for 99 yeres, if 3 lives did live soe longe, at the rent of 5*li.* per annum, and payeinge 5*li.* for a fine.

p. 71. [Boroughe of Readinge, *in margin.*] xxix° die Julii, anno Domini 1618, et 16° regni regis Jacobi, Anglie, etc.

Mr. Christofer Turnor, *Mayor.* Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. William Iremonger.

At this daye and tyme Mr. Walter Bateman was chosen to be a Capitall Burgesse in the place of Mr. John Blake, late deceassed, and at this daye and tyme the said Walter Bateman did take the oath of a Capitall Burgesse, &c.

[2] 16 James I = 24 Mar. 1618 – 23 Mar. 1619.

[Boroughe of Readinge, *in margin.*] Election; die Martis primo die Septembris, 1618, et 16° regni regis Jacobi, Anglie, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Christofer Turnor, *Mayor.* Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. Barnard Harrison, Walter Watlington, Frauncis Seickes, Anthony Knight, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Goddard, Robert Bent, Jerome Pococke, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Newman.

At this daye the said Mayor and Burgesses, by and accordinge to direccions of their charter, did nomynate and apoynt iij of the said Capitall Burgesses to sitt in election to th'intent that one of those iij shalbe elected to be Mayor the next yeare, as their chartre directeth, videlicet;

1. Mr. Willyam Iremonger, IIIIIIIIIIIII, Mayor elect.
2. Mr. Nicholas Gunter.
3. Mr. Walter Bateman, IIIII.

p. 72. [Boroughe of Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Veneris, xviij° die Septembris, 1618, et 16° regni regis Jacobi, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Christofer Turnor, *Mayor.* Mr. Willyam Iremonger, *electus*, Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Walter Bateman.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. Barnard Harrison, Walter Watlington, Frauncis Seickes, Anthony Knight, Willyam Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, Jerome Pococke, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Newman.

p. 73. [Boroughe of Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Lune, 5° die Octobris, anno Domini 1618, et xvj° regni regis Jacobi, Anglie, [etc.]

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Christofer Turnor, *Mayor.* Mr. Willyam Iremonger, *elect*, Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter,

Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Walter Bateman.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. Barnard Harrison, Walter Watlington, Frauncis Seickes, Anthony Knight, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, Jerome Pococke, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Newman.

At this daye the said Mr. Willyam Iremonger, the newe elected Mayor, did take the oath of allegiance, and by directions of the charter did take oath before Mr. Christofer Turnor his last predecessor Mayor, to doe the office of Mayor, [and] Justice of Peace, within the said boroughe, accordinge to the statute, &c., and did then and there name and apoynt cofferers, constables, wardens and other officers, of, in and for the said boroughe, as followeth:

And at this daye alsoe the said Mr. Willyam Iremonger, beinge Mayor, Mr. Thomas Turnor and Mr. Nicholas Gunter, beinge segniour Magestrates, did all take oath to doe the office of Clarke of the Markett within the said boroughe, &c.

Cofferers	Richard Winche John Godderd	jurati.
Constables	Richard Burren Anthony Brackston	jurati.
Highward	William Stretche Richard George	gardiani, jurati.
Minster Ward	Edward Shippey Richard Edmondes	gardiani, jurati.
London Ward	Robert Atkyns Henry Bird	gardiani, jurati.
Newe Warde	Giles Arther Thomas Iremonger	gardiani, jurati.
Olde Warde	Joseph East Richard White	gardiani, jurati.

Governours of the House of Correction, the seignour Cofferer and both Constables for this yeare.

p. 74. [Boroughe of Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Lune, vj° die Decembris, 1618, ac xvi° regni regis Jacobi, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Willyam Iremonger, *Mayor.* Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William

Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. Walter Bateman.

At this daye Mr. Christofer Turnor brought in the *quieti sunt* for the last yeare in whiche he was Mayor, videlicet, from Michaellmas 1617 untill Michaellmas 1618.

[Th'Accomptes, *in margin.*] At this daye the Hall accomptes for the yeare in whiche Mr. Christofer Turnor was Mayor were made and geven uppe to the said Mayor and Magestrates by William Kendricke and Richard Winche, the cofferers in that yeare, videlicet, from Michaellmas 1617 untill Michaellmas 1618, the said William Kendricke beinge th'accomptant, as followeth, videlicet:

	li. *s.* *d.*
[Receiptes, *in margin.*] Rentes certen in that yeare as by the rent rolle appeareth . . .	ijCxiij iiij x
Quiterentes receyved in that yeare . . .	xxxviij*s.*
Encrochmentes compounded for at a certen yerely payment	xxxiiij*s.*
Goodes sould in that yeare	o
Fynes taken for leases in that yeare . . .	o
Receyved for the fredome of ix apprentices made free in that yeare	xxx*s.*
Receyved for composicion fines of straungers made free in that yere	o
Receyved for amerciamentes of the lawe daye in that yeare	o
Receyved for amerciamentes of the Clarke of the Markett in that yeare	o
Receyved for felons' goodes taken in the boroughe in that yeare	o
Receyved for goodes wayved within this boroughe in that yeare	o
Receyved for estrayes taken in the libertie in that yeare	o
Receyved for deodandes in the libertie in that yeare .	o
Receyved for the goodes of outlawed persones in that yeare	o
Receyved of fines and forfeytures against governement this yere	o

Summa totalis ijCxviij*li.* vj*s.* x*d.*

	li.	s.	d.
[Expences, *in margin.*] The ordinarye chardges allowed to be paid in that yeare	jCxix	xix	iiij
The extraordinarye chardges expended in that yeare, the particulers whereof seene and allowed are upon the file	lxiiij	vj	v
	li.	s.	d.
Paid the Hall debt due at the last accompt . .	xxj	xvij	x
		s.	d.
Allowed Frauncis Drewe for money by him expended, &c.		xv	iij
Summa — ijCxj*li.* xiiij*s.* v*d.*			
Soe there remayneth in stocke at this accompt, whiche was delivered into the charge of Richard Winche, the next accomptant	vj	xij	v

p. 75. [Boroughe of Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Veneris, xviij° die Decembris, 1618, et xvj° regni regis Jacobi, Anglie, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Willyam Iremonger, *Mayor.* Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Walter Bateman.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Walter Watlington, Frauncis Seickes, Anthony Knight, Willyam Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Goddard, Robert Bent, Jerome Pococke, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Newman.

[Lease, *in margin.*] Whereas Richard Johnson th'elder holdeth by lease, for divers yeares yet to come, his dwellinge house and shoppe in the Markett place, parcell of John Alarder's landes, at the yearly rent of iij*li.* and every third yeare to provide five gownes for the five almes men worth vj*s.* viij*d.* a peice; nowe at this daye it was agreed and graunted that the said Richard Johnson shall renue his lease to holde for xxj yeares at the rent of iij*li.* per annum, he payeinge v*li.* in hand to provide five gownes for the five almes men, and payeinge every third yeare five poundes to buy the almes men gownes duringe the lease.

p. 76. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Veneris, xix° die Februarii, 1618, et xvj° regni regis Jacobi, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Willyam Iremonger, *Mayor.* Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Walter Bateman.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Walter Watlington, Frauncis Seickes, Anthony Knight, Willyam Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, Jerome Pococke, Willyam Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Newman.

Goodfridaye, xxvj° die Martii, anno Domini 1619, et xvij° regni regis Jacobi [3], Anglie, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayor.* Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Walter Bateman.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Walter Watlington, Frauncis Seickes, Anthony Knight, Willyam Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, Jerome Pococke, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Newman.

At this daye Joseph Blagrave paid the ten poundes geven by his uncle, Mr. John Blagrave, deceassed, and it was then disposed as apeareth in the booke for charitable uses.

p. 77. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Veneris, xxj° die Maii, 1619, ac xvij° regni regis Jacobi, Anglie, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayor.* Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Walter Bateman.

[3] 17 James I = 24 Mar. 1619 – 23 Mar. 1620.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Walter Watlington, Frauncis Seickes, Anthony Knight, Willyam Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, Jerome Pococke, Willyam Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Newman.

Election daye, videlicet, die Mercurii, j° die Septembris, 1619, et xvij° regni regis Jacobi, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayor.* Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. Walter Bateman.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Walter Watlington, Frauncis Seickes, Anthony Knight, Willyam Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, Jerome Pococke, Willyam Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Newman.

At this daye the said Mayor and Capitall Burgesses, accordinge to the direccions of the charter, did name and apoynt iij of the said Capitall Burgesses to sitt in election, to th'intent that one of those iij shalbe elected to be Mayor the next yeare, as their charter directeth, videlicet:

1. Mr. Nicholas Gunter, IIIIIIIIIIIIIIII, Mayor elect.
2. Mr. Walter Bateman.
3. Mr. Thomas Turnor.

p. 78. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Veneris, xvij° die Septembris, 1619, et xvij° regni regis Jacobi, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayor.* Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *elect,* Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. Walter Bateman.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Walter Watlington, Frauncis Seickes, Anthony Knight, Willyam Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, Jerome Pococke, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Newman.

[Swannes, *in margin.*] At this daye it was agreed that the Game of Swannes aunciently belonginge to this Corporacion shalbe renued, and the number nowe marked for this towne by Mr. Wyatt, deputye to the Lord Cheiffe Baron, and Mr. John Whistler, beinge 15 in number, shalbe paid for by the cofferers, videlicet, the Signettes at iiij*s.* vj*d.* a peice, and the Sluggardes at vj*s.* a peice, and that from hencefourth an yearly regard shalbe had of them.

[Memorandum, Sir Thomas White, *in margin.*] At this daye election was made of iiij^or^ poore men, inhabitantes and freemen of this boroughe, to have one hundred poundes, parcell of Sir Thomas White's guift, whiche wilbe due to be repaid to this Company at Michaellmas next, beinge th'end of ten yeares since it was formerly lent to other fower men of this Corporacion ; and consideracion was alsoe had of their sureties for repayment thereof, accordinge to the direccions of Sir Thomas White's will, the particuler names of whiche men and of their sureties are expressed in the book for charitable uses.

p. 79. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Lune, iiij^to^ die Octobris, 1619, et xvij^o^ regni regis Jacobi, Anglie, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Willyam Iremonger, *Mayor.* Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *elect,* Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. Walter Bateman.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Walter Watlington, Anthony Knight, Willyam Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, Jerome Pococke, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Newman.

At this daye the said Mr. Nicholas Gunter, the newe elected Mayor, did take the oath of allegiance and by directions of the charter did alsoe take oath before Mr. Willyam Iremonger, his last predecessor Mayor, to doe the office of Mayor, Justice of Peace and Clarke of the Markett within the said boroughe, accordinge to the statute, &c., and did then and there name and apoynt cofferers, constables, wardens and other officers of, in and for the said boroughe, as followeth, videlicet :

Cofferers	Richard Winche John Godderd	jurati.
Constables	John Blake & Phillip Farnam	jurati.
Highward	Thomas Hutton George Nethercott	gardiani, jurati.
Minster Ward	John Evans Edward Mericke	gardiani, jurati.
London Ward	Robert Skeat Richard Ashmore	gardiani, jurati.
Newe Warde	Averye Howell Thomas Wickyns	gardiani, jurati.
Olde Warde	Nicholas Larkham Peter Thorne	gardiani, jurati.

Governours of the House of Correction, The seigniour Cofferer and both Constables for this yeare.

p. 80. [Boroughe of Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Lunæ, xviij° die Octobris, 1619, et xvij° regni regis Jacobi, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayor.* Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Walter Watlington, Anthony Knight, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Newman.

John Blake and Anthony Brackston at this daye did take oath to doe the office of Secondarye Burgesses.

p. 81. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Martis, xxx° die Novembris, 1619, et xvij° regni regis Jacobi, Anglie, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayor.* Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Walter Watlington, Anthony Knight, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, Jerome Pococke, Willyam Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Newman, John Blake, Anthony Brackston.

At this daye the Hall accomptes for the yeare in whiche Mr. William Iremonger was Mayor, videlicet, from Michaellmas 1618 untill Michaellmas 1619, were made and geven to the said Mayor and Magestrates by Richard Winche and John Godderd, cofferers in that yeare.

Th' Accomptes.

[Receiptes, *in margin.*] Receyved in stocke at the last accomptes	vj*li.* xij*s.* v*d.*
Receyved in rentes in that yeare, as the rent rolle directeth	ijCix*li.*
Receyved of old quite rentes in that yeare . .	xj*s.* x*d.*
Receyved for encrochmentes made certen in that yeare	viij*s.* viij*d.*
Receyved for goodes sould in that yere, vizt. certen old plantes	ij*s.*
Receyved for fines taken for leases in that yeare .	o
Receyved for registringe the freedome of 12 apprentices in that yeare	xl*s.*
Receyved the composicion fine of William Wimpey, a stranger, wyer drawer	xx*s.*
Receyved of the amerciamentes of the lawe daye in that yeare	iij*li.* ij*s.*
Receyved of the amerciamentes of the Clarke of the Markett	vij*li.*
Receyved for felons' goodes in that yeare . .	o
Receyved for waiffes and estreys in that yeare . .	o
Receyved for deodandes in that yeare . . .	o
Receyved for the goodes of outlawes within the boroughe in that yere	o
Receyved of forfeytures for breakinge orders, videlicet, of buchers for killinge, &c.	viij*s.* viij*d.*

Summa totalis—ijCxxxj*li.* v*s.* ix*d.*

[Paymentes and expences, *in margin.*] The certen paymentes in that yeare allowed to be paid .	jCxxiiij*li.* v*s.* ix*d.*

Extraordinarye paymentes as by particulers
apeareth . . . . . jCxvij*li.* v*s.* vij*d.*
Summa totalis—ijCxlj*li.* xj*s.* iiij*d.*
Soe at this accompt the Hall is in debt . . x*li.* vj*s.* v*d.*

p. 82. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Veneris, xvij° die Decembris, 1619, et xvij° regni regis Jacobi, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayor.* Mr. Robert Reve, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Walter Watlington, Anthony Knight, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, Jerome Pococke, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Newman, John Blake, Anthony Brackston.

[Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Veneris, x° die Martii, 1619, et xvij° regni regis Jacobi, Anglie, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Anthony Knight, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, Jerome Pococke, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Newman, John Blake, Anthony Brackston.

p. 83. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Veneris, ix° die Junii, 1620, et xviij° regni regis Jacobi[4], Anglie, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer

[4] 18 James I = 24 Mar. 1620 – 23 Mar. 1621.

Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Anthony Knight, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, Jerome Pococke, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Newman, John Blake, Anthony Brackston.

At this day Mr. Anthony Knight, after the deceasse of Mr. Robert Reve, was chosen and apointed to be a Capitall Burgesse, and at this daye did take the oath of a Capitall Burgesse accordinge to the custome of this boroughe.

At this daye John Saunders, esquire, Counsellor at Lawe and Justice of Peace in the County of Berkes, was chosen a Secondarye Burgesse, and did then and there take oath to doe the office of a Secondarye Burgesse of this boroughe, &c.

p. 84. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Veneris, 1° die Septembris, 1620, et xviij° regni regis Jacobi, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. John Saunders, Willyam Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Goddard, Robert Bent, Jerome Pococke, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Newman, John Blake, Anthony Brackston.

At this daye the said Mayor and Capitall Burgesses, accordinge to the directions of the chartre, did name and apoynt iij of the said Capitall Burgesses to sitt in eleccion to th'intent that one of those iij shalbe elected to be Mayor the next yere, as the chartre directeth, videlicet:

[Election, *in margin.*]

1. Mr. Walter Bateman, IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII, Mayor elect.
2. Mr. Thomas Turnor.
3. Mr. Anthony Knight.

1. Arther Curtys 2. John Bagley 3. Richard Burren 4. John Jenyns	at this daye were chosen Secondarye Burgesses and then and there did take severall oathes to doe the office of Secondarye Burgesses of this boroughe, &c.

p. 85. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Lunæ, ij° die Octobris, 1620, annoque regni regis Jacobi, Anglie, etc. 18°.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayor.* Mr. Walter Bateman, *elect*, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. Willyam Iremonger, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. John Saunders, Willyam Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, Jerome Pococke, Willyam Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Newman, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arthure Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye the said Mr. Walter Bateman, the newe elected Mayor, did take the oath of allegiance and by directions of the charter did then alsoe take oath before Mr. Nicholas Gunter, his last predecessor Mayor, to doe the offices of Mayor, Justice of Peace and Clarke of the Markett within the said boroughe, accordinge to the statutes, &c.; and did then and there name and apoynt cofferers, constables, wardens and other officers of, in and for the said boroughe, as followeth, videlicet:

Cofferers	Robert Bent Jerome Pococke	jurati.
Constables	Willyam Hill Willyam Jacobb	jurati.
Highwarde	Richard Smyth Nicholas Noble	jurati.
Minster Warde	John Cale John Hall	jurati.
London Warde	John Daye, jun. Frauncis Terroll	jurati.
Newe Warde	Richard Hollowaye Edwarde Knight	jurati.
Olde Warde	Richard Lane Thomas Sawser	jurati.

Governours of the House of Correction, The signiour Cofferer and both the Constables for this yeare, &c.

p. 86. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Lune, iiij^to^ die Decembris, 1620, et xviij° regni regis Jacobi, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Walter Bateman, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Anthony Knight.

At this daye the Hall accomptes for the yere Mr. Nicholas Gunter was Mayor, videlicet, from Michaellmas 1619 untill Michaellmas 1620, were made and geven to the said Mayor and Magistrates by Richard Winche and John Godderd, cofferers in that yeare.

	li. *s.* *d.*
[Th'Accomptes, *in margin.*] Receyved in rentes for that yeare, as the rent rolle directeth . .	ijCix xvj ij
Receyved of olde quite-rentes in that yeare . .	xj*s.* x*d.*
Receyved of rentes for encrochmentes . . .	viij*s.* ij*d.*
Receyved for olde tymber left at the amendinge of the High Bridge	ix*s.*
Receyved for fines of leases graunted in that yere, videlicet, of Widowe Bradberye . . .	iij*li.*
Receyved for registringe the freedome of 5 apprentices in that yere	xvj*s.* viij*d.*
Receyved in fynes by composicion for the freedome of xix forreyners admitted in that yeare, whose names are entred in the booke of the freemen	xxxv*li.* j*s.* viij*d.*
Receyved for the amerciamentes of the laue daye in that yeare	o
Receyved for the amerciamentes of the Clarke of the Markett, &c.	o
Receyved for felons' goodes in that yeare . .	o
Receyved for waifes and estrayes in that yeare .	o
Receyved for deodandes in that yeare, videlicet, by the death of Wm. Spratt, of Henley, a parcell of barley in his garner in Readinge	xx*s.*

Receyved for the goodes of outlawed persons within the boroughe . . . . . o
Receyved for fines of contemnors of the Governement . o
Summa totalis, ijClj*li.* iij*s.* vj*d.*

[Paymentes and expences, *in margin.*] The ordinarye paymentes in that yeare allowed by the rolle . *li.* *s.* *d.* jCxxiiij j iiij
The extraordinarye paymentes in that yeare, as by particuler bills apeareth, by payeinge the Hall debtes, and for repayringe and amendinge the seven Bridges, and for other the affairs of the Guildhall; seene and allowed } lxxvij*li.* iiij*s.*
And expended in reparacion of the House of Correction xxiiij*li.*ix*s.*ij*d.*
And in this yeare was laid out by the Cofferers towardes the finishinge of the walke, over and above the hundred poundes geven therefore by Mr. Blagrave, as apeareth by particuler billes, seene and allowed } xxviij*li.* xix*s.*
And in that yeare was expended in the sute concerninge the lease of Southcott betwixt Alexander Blagrave, plaintif, and the said Mayor and Burgesses and John Blagrave, defendants, as apeareth by accomptes } xv*li.* iiij*s.*
Summa totalis, ijClxix*li.* xvij*s.* vj*d.*

Soe at this accompt the Hall remayned in debt (alloweinge certen arrerages of rentes paid) the just some of . . . . . xiij*li.* xiiij*s.* vij*d.*

p. 87. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Veneris, xxij° die Decembris, 1620, et xviij° regni regis Jacobi, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Walter Bateman, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. Willyam Iremonger, Mr. Anthonye Knight.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, Jerome Pococke, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony

Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

[Deodand, *in margin.*] At this daye Mr. Richard Illesley paid v*li.* vj*s.* viij*d.* for his two horses, one cart and iij quarters of barley in the cart, whiche were seised and taken as deodandes, for beinge the cause of the death of one Giles Norman in the Markett place in Readinge.

At this daye a lease of the Buchers' Hill was graunted to Henry Moore for 99 yeares (if he the said Henry, Margaret, his wief, and John, their sonne, or any of them live soe longe,) at xx*li.* rent per annum.

p. 88. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Veneris, xxiij° die Februarii, 1620, ac xviij° regni regis Jacobi, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Walter Bateman, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, Jerome Pococke, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, John Jenyns.

At this daye Mr. Nicholas Gunter brought in the *quieti sunt* for the fee farme due in the yeare he was Mayor, videlicet, from Michaellmas 1619 untill Michaellmas 1620.

p. 89. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Veneris, xxv^to^ die Maii, 1621, et xix° regni regis Jacobi [5], Anglie, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Walter Bateman, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, Jerome Pococke, William

[5] 19 James I = 24 Mar. 1621 – 23 Mar. 1622.

Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

p. 90. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Sabbati, j° die Septembris, 1621, et xix° regni regis Jacobi, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Walter Bateman, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Anthonye Knight.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, Jerome Pococke, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Buren, John Jenyns.

[Election, *in margin.*] At this daye the said Mayor and Capitall Burgesses, by directions of the chartre, did name and apoynt iij of the said Capitall Burgesses to sitt in election to th'intent that one of those iij shalbe elected to be Mayor the next yeare, as the chartre directeth, videlicet:

1. Mr. Thomas Turnor, IIIIIIIIIIIIIII, Mayor elect.
2. Mr. Anthony Knight, IIIIIII.
3. Mr. Robert Maulthus.

p. 91. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Lunæ xxiiij^to^ die Septembris, 1621, et xix° regni regis Jacobi, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Walter Bateman, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, *elect,* Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. Willyam Iremonger, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, Jerome Pococke, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

p. 92. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Lunæ, j° die Octobris, 1621, et xix° regni regis Jacobi, Anglie, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Walter Bateman, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, *elect*, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. Willyam Iremonger, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, Jerome Pococke, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye the said Mr. Thomas Turnor, the newe elected Mayor, did take the oath of allegiaunce, and by directions of the chartre did then alsoe take oath before Mr. Walter Bateman, his last predecessor Mayor, to doe the offices of Mayor, Justice of Peace and Clarke of the Markett within the said boroughe, accordinge to the statutes, etc., and did then and there name and apoynt cofferers, constables, wardens and other officers of, in and for the said boroughe, as followeth, videlicet:

Cofferers	Jerome Pococke John Newman	jurati.
Constables	John Jenyns Peter Burningham	jurati.
Highwarde	Edward Johnson Lawrence Creed	gardiani, jurati.
Minster Warde	Thomas Hamblen Robert Evans	gardiani, jurati.
London Warde	George Man Ellys Burges	gardiani, jurati.
Newe Warde	Henry Spier Roger Pearce	gardiani, jurati.
Olde Warde	Thomas Stevens John Mafforlyn	gardiani, jurati.

Governours of the House of Correction, the seignior Cofferer and both the Constables for this yere.

p. 93. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Veneris, vij° die Decembris, 1621, et xix° regni regis Jacobi, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Thomas Turnor, *Mayor.* Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. Willyam Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

At this daye the Hall accomptes for the yeare in whiche Mr. Walter Bateman was Mayor, videlicet, from Michaellmas 1620 untill Michaellmas 1621, were made and geven upp to the said Mayor and Magestrates by Robert Bent, the seigniour and survivinge cofferer in that yeare, as followeth, videlicet:

[The charge of th'Accomptantes, videlicet, *in margin.*]

Receyved at the last accomptes in stocke .	o
Receyved in rentes for that yeare, as the rent rolle directeth	ijCxiij*li.* ix*s.*
Receyved of olde quitrentes in that yeare .	x*s.* x*d.*
Receyved for encrochmentes in that yeare .	ix*s.* iiij*d.*
Receyved for goodes sould in that yeare, videlicet, a parcell of olde tymber left at the amendinge of one bridge nere William Densill's, and another parcell at the amendinge of Caversham bridge, xj*s.*, and for xvj poundes of old yron, ij*s.*	xiij*s.*
Receyved for fines of leases graunted in that yeare, videlicet, of Henry Moore for a lease of a shoppe in the north side of the Shambles	xiij*s.* iiij*d.*
Receyved for the freedome of vij apprentices in that yeare	xxiiij*s.* iiij*d.*
Receyved for composicion fines for admittinge forreynours in that yere	xx*s.*
Receyved for amerciamentes of the lawe daye in that yeare	in part
Receyved for amerciamentes of the Clarke of the Markett in that yere	v*li.* vj*s.* viij*d.*
Receyved for felons' goodes in that yeare .	o
Receyved for waifes and estrayes in that yeare .	o

Receyved for deodandes in that yere, videlicet, of Mr. Richard Illesley for that his horse and cart were the cause of Giles Norman's death in the Markett place in Readinge	iiij*li.* xvj*s.* viij*d.*
Summa totalis	ijCxxviij*li.* ij*s.* ij*d.*
[Paymentes and Expences, vizt., *in margin.*] The ordinarye paymentes in that yeare allowed uppon the rolle	jCxxvij*li.* xj*s.* iiij*d.*
The extraordinarye paymentes of the Hall debtes, provision of tymber, newe buyldinge the hither part of Caversham bridge, repayringe the schoole house, and other the necessarye affaires of the Hall, seene and allowed	jCviij*li.* x*s.* x*d.*
Summa totalis	ijCxxxvj*li.* ij*s.* ij*d.*
At this accompt the Hall is indebted . .	viij*li.*

p. 94. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Veneris, xxj° Decembris, 1621, et xix° regni regis Jacobi, Anglie, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Thomas Turnor, *Mayor.* Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Secondarye Burgesses.

John Saunders, Esquyer, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

p. 95. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Veneris, xv^{to} die Martii, anno Domini 1621, annoque regni regis Jacobi, Anglie, etc., 19°.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Thomas Turnor, *Mayor.* Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Secondarye Burgesses.

John Saunders, Esquyer, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

[Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Veneris, xiiij° die Junii, anno Domini 1622, annoque regni regis Jacobi, Anglie, etc., 20.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Thomas Turnor, *Mayor.* Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Secondarye Burgesses.

John Saunders, Esquyer, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Goddard, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

p. 96. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Lunæ, ij° die Septembris, anno Domini 1622, annoque regni regis Jacobi, Anglie, etc., 20[6].

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Thomas Turnor, *Mayor.* Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthonye Knight.

Secondarye Burgesses.

John Saunders, Esquyer, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Goddard, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye the said Mayor and Capitall Burgesses, by direccions of the charter, did nomynate and apoynt iij of the said Capitall Burgesses to sitt in election to th'intent that one of those

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iij shalbe elected to be Mayor for the next yeare, as by the chartre is required, videlicet:

Election. 1. Mr. Anthony Knight, IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII, elect.
2. Mr. Robert Maulthus.
3. Mr. William Maulthus.

[Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Veneris, xx° die Septembris, anno Domini 1622, annoque regni regis Jacobi, Angliæ, etc., 20.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Thomas Turnor, *Mayor.* Mr. Anthonye Knight, *Mayor elect,* Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Roger Knight.

Secondarye Burgesses.

John Saunders, Esquier, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Goddard, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

p. 97. [Burgus de Readinge, *in margin.*] Die Lunæ, ultimo die Septembris, anno Domini 1622, annoque regni regis Jacobi, Anglie, etc., 20.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Thomas Turnor, *Mayor.* Mr. Anthonye Knight, *Mayor elect,* Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman.

Secondarye Burgesses.

John Saunders, Esquier, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthonye Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye and tyme the said Mayor made publicke declaracion of th'accomptes of all the rentes and revenues of all and singuler the landes, tenementes, annuyties, stockes, some and somes of money confer'd uppon this Corporacion, in trust for charitable uses, whiche did arise due and came to his handes or charge during the yeare of his Mayoraltie now ended, as in and by the booke of th'accomptes for charitable uses at large appeareth.

At this daye the said Mr. Anthonye Knight, the newe elected Mayor, did take oath of his allegiance and by direccions of the charter did then alsoe before Mr. Thomas Turnor, the last Mayor, take oath to doe the offices of Mayor, Justice of Peace and Clarke of the Markett within this boroughe and the liberties thereof, accordinge to the statutes, &c., and did then and there alsoe name and apoynt cofferers, constables, wardens and other officers in and for the said boroughe, as followeth, videlicet:

Willyam Brackston John Dewell	cofferers, jurati.
Edward Baker John Mylles	constables, jurati.
John Tanner John Joseph	gardiani Alte Garde, jurati.
John Booth Walter Fellowe	gardiani Minster Garde, jurati.
Willyam Hersey Thomas Worsley	gardiani London Garde, jurati.
Richard Mersam John Frauncis	gardiani Veteris Garde, jurati.
Gabriell Chapman Ellys Pococke	gardiani Nove Garde, jurati.

[The Diary proper is resumed here.]

[p. 1.] [7]. . . . ° die Octobris, 1622.

[Mr. Antho]ny Knight, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman.

John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye Mr. Mayor made kno[wn] . . . . .[7] he had to showe cause and . . . of ty[me] . . . . .[7] had John Alarder's landes.

The deedes were searched and the cop[ies of] . . . John Alarder's wille were dely[vered] to Mr. Saunders to advise thereupon.

[7] The MS. torn here.

At this daye John Tanner complayned that Edward Neave, a stranger, a treacher maker, with wief and children, is come to dwell in towne, very like to be chargeable to the towne. He was forbidden the usinge of his trade within the Corporacion and allowed a moneth for his departinge the towne.

Thursdaye, 24° die Octobris, 1622.

Mr. Anthony Knight, *Mayor*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, John Newman, Robert Bent, William Brackston.

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p. 2. [Tuesd]aye, 29° die Octobris, 1622.

Mr. Anthony Knight, *Mayor*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman.

John Newman, William Kendricke, John Godderd, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell.

At this day James Shiler . . . . .[8], musicions, complayned that R . . . .[8], Phillipp Godderd beinge forreyners . . . . .[8] quality of musicions within this Corp[oracion] . . . .[8] to the great damage of the freemen of th[at] facultye, (P. Godderd was forbidden and willed to return to his . . .) and that James Belgrove enterteyneth them against the governement, &c. James Shiler agreed that James Belgrove shall take his place . . . and promised Belgrove to have a cloke to weare within the towne all tymes of their playe, or ells he shall have a cloke, he payeing vj*d.* a weeke and keepinge company with them for his share.

At this daye Mr. John Blagrave was agayne called in question concerning the 100*li.* unpaid upon the first yeare according to the wille of his uncle; and it was then aunswered as it was 29° Martii, 1622; and further he promised to bringe in the acquittaunces for the 100*li.* and to doe for the other 100*li.* unpaid as by Counsell shalbe advised when the terme is ended; Counsell ware heard (?) and warninge geven him of his attendaunce, &c.

[8] . . . . . iiij*li.* of Edward Hamblen for his father's guift was this daye and tyme disposed of to theise poore men in person, videlicet,

[8] The MS. torn here.

[9] . . . dson viij*s.*
. . . . . viij*s.*
. . . . . ij*s.*

At this daye Edward Slark promised at his owne charges to remove the Pound, and . . . .[9]

[p. 3.] Wensdaye, 13° Nov. 1622.

Mr. Anthony Knight, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman.

At this daye the unlicensed victuallers were called in question and warned to forbeare, videlicet:

Beere.

Newe ward.

Thomas Lowgrove, *forbidden.*
Nicholas Lamphier, *forbidden.*
Jo. Grove (?).
Thomas Mountague } *for-*
Richard Hancocke } *bidden.*
William Lymbowe.

London ward.

Andrewe Borman.
Robert Quicke, *forbidden.*
Thomas Greene, *forbidden.*
Thomas Skynner.

Old warde.

William Kenton.
John Evans, *forbidden.*
Nicholas Filpe, *forbidden.*
Edward Holloway, *forbidden.*
Thomas Hill, *forbidden.*
John Myles.
Richard Wheelere, *forbidden in person.* M'ris Harr (?).

Minster ward.

John Pidgeon.
Nicholas Coplin.
John Burden, *forbidden.*
William Potter, *forbidden.*

High ward.

John Burford.
Andrew Mase.
Steven Webster, *licenced.*
Thomas Marter.
Thomas Spencer.
Nicholas Noble, *forbidden.*
James West, *forbidden.*
Francis Thackham.
Nicholas Ashmore, *forbidden.*
Walter Bayley.
Anthony Hidden.
James Ferrys.
Richard East, *forbidden.*
William Easton.
Thomas Illesley.

[9] The MS. torn here.

[p. 4.] Wensdaye, 3° die Decembris, 1622.

Mr. Anthony Knight, *Mayor*, and Mr. Steward. Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. John Saunders.

Mondaye, 9° die Decembris, 1622.

Mr. Anthony Knight, *Mayor*. Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman.

At this daye a second lettre from the Lord Cheiffe Justice, Sir James Ley, dated 4° instantis mensis Decembris, in the behaulf of Mr. Clarke was openly read and considered of by the Magistrates presente.

And it was then agreed that Mr. Clarke shalbe warned to attend the next quarter daye and to shewe his greivaunces, and in what causes the Company doe him any wronge, or withhold any thinge justly due to him.

At this daye by 6 voices Richard P. was nomynated Sergeant: agreed, if any Sergeant at Mace within this boroughe shall at any tyme hereafter neglect or be remisse in his attendaunce upon Mr. Mayor, he shall, ipso facto, loose his office and another shalbe put in his place.

[p. 5.] Monday, 15° Decembris, 1622.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Anthony Knight, *Mayor*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. John Saunders.

Cofferers, Mr. Brackston, John Dewell.

At this daye Mr. Mayor sumoned all the brewers, inholders and alehouskeepers within the boroughe to heare the Counsell's lettres, and the brewers warned to keepe the assise. The inholders not to brewe nor to sell none but suche as they sell a quart a peny of the best, and ij quarts of the other. The alehouskeepers warned not to brewe themselves, and not to sell but a quart a peny of the best.

Unlicensed victuallers forbidden, and securities required fourthwith.

Memorandum. Mr. Mayor keepeth all those lettres of direccions from the Lordes and Justices untill he have done all.

At this daye it was questioned concerning John Rumsey's arrerages of rent and agreed and by him promised that he shall paye 4*li.* 5*s.* upon Newe Yeres even, and at Lady Day the rest of the arrearages, and then the other half yeres rent wilbe due when he shall then paye.

At this daye the Hall accomptes for the yere Mr. Thomas Turnor was Mayor, videlicet, from Michaellmas 1621 until Michaellmas 1622, by Mr. John Newman, cofferer:

	li.	*s.*	*d.*	
The certen charge was	210	16	06	
Received of quit rentes	000	11	06	
Received of encrochmentes	000	06	08	
Received of casualltyes	001	11	04	
	212	10	06	[*sic*].
Ordinary paymentes	118	18	8	
Debtes extraordinary	081	07	5	
Arrerages of rentes	012	04	0	
Paid and oweinge	212	10	1	

by whiche meanes there is due to the Hawle in arrearages of

rentes	xij*li.*	iiij*s.*
Charitable uses oweth	iiij*li.*	xvj*s.* ix*d.*
House of correccion oweth	xxiiij*li.*	ix*s.* ij*d.*
In toto	xlj*li.*	xj*s.* iij*d.*

Towardes payment of 55*li.* debt to Mr. B. (?) and to Mr. Steward his fee xl.

[p. 6.] Quarter daye. Fridaye, xx° die Decembris, 1622, anno 20° regni regis Jacobi, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Anthony Knight, *Mayor.* Mr. Clerke, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John

Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arthur Curtyes, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye the former peticion of Edward Staunton was considered and agreed that in regard of his chardges he shall hold the house at 7*li.* rent per annum at the will and pleasure of the Company, but his lease shall not be altered.

At this daye Richard Atwater made request to have a lease of the tenemente in Croune Lane at the old rent of 40*s.* . . . . eferd to be viewed by the . . . . Cofferers and they to certify the value on the next quarter daye.

At this daye the iiij*li.* raised by Mr. Kemishe, his guift was distributed to 24 housholders; videlicet, 8 to St. Maryes, 8 to St. Giles, 8 to St. Lawrence, there names apeare upon the file. And the ten shirtes and smockes were then alsoe distributed, videlicet, 4 to St. Giles' parishe, 3 to St. Maryes, 3 to St. Lawrence. The other vj to Yattendon.

At this daye the Coblers' fremen exhibited peticion against the shoomakers for amendinge of old shooes contrary to the common orders of the towne, whereupon it was commended them from hencefourth not to offend therein at their perills, &c.

At this daye a lease of a piece of void ground in Pangbore lane of [*blank*] foote in length and [*blank*] foote in breadth, was graunted to Edward Starke for 99 yeres, if he Benjamin Ewst and Margarett Ewst live, at xij*d.* rent and xij*d.* herryott, provided not to convert the buylding for entertainment of any poore people. The leasse to kepe the fence of the side of the Pound, &c., prout sit necessarye.

At this daye agreed the skavinger shall hold another quarter as it is, &c.

At this daye Richard Petty paid 3*li.* 10*s.* of the amerciamentes to Richard Jones, whiche 3*li.* 10*s.* John Jenyns received in parte of his vj*s.*, and Richard Burren shall have his vj*li.*, and John Jenyns his residewe by promise the next quarter.

[p. 7.] Eodem die. At this daye the lettres from the Lord Cheiffe Justys, Sir James Ley, was the second tyme openly read before the Company presente; and Mr. Clerke expressed his grief to be for deteyning his ancyent fees, &c., then much talke but noe conclusion untill another tyme.

Mondaye, 23° die Decembris, 1622.

Mr. Anthony Knight, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman.

At this daye Henry Moore, Sergeant at Mace, was discharged.

At this daye Richard Pettye was sworne and did take oath to doe the office of a Sergeant at Mace within this boroughe, &c.

8° die Januarii, 1622. Coram Anthonio Knight, *Majore.* Edwardo Clerke, arm., Johanne Saunders, arm., Nicholao Gunter, Willelmo Iremonger.

At this daye William Lymboe was convented and examined concerninge the hurtinge of Richard Cowper with an oken quarter, it being found true, was forbidden alehouskeepeinge at his perill and commyted to ward for lacke of surety and for his bloodshedd, &c.

Willelmus Lymbowe cognovit se debere domino Regi xx*s.*
Johannes Percey et } manuceperunt pro ipsis in decem
Franciscus Michell } libris separatim,
quod ipse compareat ad proximam sessionem ad respondendum ad omnia que, etc.

[signed] William Limbowe.
John Percey ⌐ [*his mark*].
Fra : Michell ∪ [*his mark*].

[p. 8.] Mondaye, 13° die Januarii, 1622.

Mr. Anthony Knight, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Batmon.

William Dumper, John Gulliver, convented and called in question for not sellinge a quart of bere for j*d.*, &c., proved by Tho. Hill, Henry Barfoote.

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Then James West was warned from breweing and victualling and to bringe sureties to be bound according to lawe, against Tuesday next.

Nicholas Ashmore likewise.

John Remnant promised to aunswere this Companye within *3 weeks*[1] or . . . . . next, whether he will take the charge of the House of Correccion, as John Ballard had it.

John Ballard accompted for payment of the 40*li.* stocke; and it apeareth that he hath satisfyed 34*li.* in wages, and havinge allowance of 4*li.* for his expence upon a bill; soe he resteth in debt at this tyme but in 40*s.*

It was willed to repayre to goodman Remnaunt for jC or ij of hempe to dresse and to keepe the house in worke untill further consideracion be taken.

Cardmakers.

Complaint was made against Edward Downe, beinge a stranger, havinge a wief and children, was warned to departe the towne with his wief and children, within 7 dayes next, or ells to bringe sufficient securitie to discharge the towne committed for his malepertnes.

23° die Januarii, 1622.

Mr. Anthony Knight, *Mayor.* Mr. Christofer Turnor.

At this daye Mr. John Saunders brought into the Hall 9 peices of evidences of John Alarder's landes whiche were formerly delivered to him to provide aunswere to Mr. Tipper, &c., but the copie of John Alarder's will is yett in his handes.

[p. 9.] Saturdaye, 25° Januarii, 1622.

Mr. Anthony Knight, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. Walter Bateman.

At this [day] consideracion was had of the an[swere to] the Lord Cheiffe Justys his last lettres di[rected] to this Corporacion concerninge Mr. Clar(k) (?).

4° die Febr. 1622. Coram Anthonio Knight, *Majore*, etc.

The complaynt of John Mathewe, of Sonninge, whoe saith that upon Saturdaye the first of this Febr., he beinge in the Markett place at Reding, his purse with ix*s.* x*d.* in money there was taken fourth of his pockett, and on pursueing of a stranger whiche stood

[1] substituted for *fortnight*, which is crossed through.

by him his purse and money was by this parte instantly within a hundred foote cast under a cart and soe this complainant had his purse agayne; cognovit se debere domino Regi xl*li.* ad prosequendum ad proximas assisas.

Signum dicti Johannis ⊢ Mathewe.

Vincent Godderd yeoman cognovit se debere domino Regi x*li.* ad dandum evidenciam versus prefatum Jacobum Brigges.

The examinacion of James Brigges of Ketheringe, in comitatu Northampton, and there liveth by the trade of an embroderer for theise ij yeres past, and having busynes at Bristoll faire came from thence on Tuesday last past to goe towardes London, he came from thence to the Bath, and soe to Reding the day after upon Saturday, about xij of the clocke, noe company but his wief and the carryer, and the cause of his coming to the Markett place in Redyng was to buy some oyntment for his wief at the apotecaryes but bought none, and being demanded where he had the purse whiche he cast of from him saith he found it in the streete and . . . . . to be accused, he cast it awaye, &c. Sent to gaole.

Ad assisas. Vinc. Goddard.

p. 10. [4]°. Febr. 1622.

Mr. Anthony Knight, *Mayor.* Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. William Iremonger.

At this daye John Remnaunt answered this Company that having the stocke and those favours John Ballard had, with 8*li.* wages and his charges to the assise and sessions, to hold vij yeres, provided uppon 3 monethes warning to pay the stocke and to geve over, &c.

John Remnant
Steven Remnant } bound for the stocke.
Robert Wickyns

Thomas Hutton, gouldsmyth, saith that upon Tuesday the 4th of Febr., being the morrowe after the Faire, he bought in his shoppe 3 small peices of broken silver (being as he thought parte of a beker) of a stranger and paid him for it 3*s.* 6*d.*, and being shewed a broken beker he verily thinketh it was parcell of that beker, but he is sure he is the same man that he had the 3 peices of silver [from].

5° Febr. 1622. 8 Ships cast awaye.

Th' examinacion of John Willyams late of the Citty of Bristoll, butcher, intending to goe to London, saith, being at sea, about

Michaellmas last, he and ij or iij others of his companye, in the shippe at Plymmoath, tooke a chest, and he had that peice of plate and certen lynnen to his parte and coming in company with others in the waye he offered it to sell at Hungerford and other places, and he did yesterday breake it in peices, and in the markett sould the broken peices to the gouldsmyth of Reding for iij*s*. viij*d*. in money: for lack of suretyes sent to Ward. Richard Mascoll, the bucher, employed him the last tyme in busynes for him at Bristoll.

The broken beker is in constable Mylles his handes untill, &c.

The ij men in his company, William Brock of Southwarke, a feltmaker, saith that he coming from Gloucester and over the countyes to goe to London he tooke house at Hungerford to drinke, and there that fellowe was with a young woman, and drinking there shewed this partie a silver beker, whiche he offred there to sell, and in his company they came from thence towardes Reding and there he offerd it to sell, but never knewe him nor sawe him before.

Thomas Shefford dwelleth at Milson in Wiltesshere, and in travelling towardes London about busynes and in the highway overtooke that fellowe, but never did see him before, &c.

[p. 11.] 7° Febr. 1622. Coram Anthonyo Knight, *Majore.*

The complaynt of Ellyn Paise, servant to Mr. Standeon, whoe saith that yesterdaye, Thursdaye, the vjth of this Febr., being servant, she did hang in the orchard dyvers parcells of lynnen clothes about 8 or 9 of the clocke in the morning to drye, and about xj or xij of the clocke she did misse divers parcells thereof, namely j paire of holland sheetes, iij holland shirtes, j canvas shirt, j bockram shirt, and j smocke, iiij holland pillowberes, j holland apern, and that those goodes and parcells of lynnen, whiche nowe are shewen unto her and found upon the person of the man in suspition, are the same goodes she did hang fourth and the same whiche she lost.

Ellyn Paise cognovit se debere domino Regi x*li.* quod ipsa ad proximas assisas prosecuta fuerit versus.

Mathew Mylman cognovit se debere domino Regi x*li.* ad testificandum.

[Assise, *in margin.*] Th' examynacion of Vincent Branche, late of Wellowe in comitatu Southampton, husbandman, and there lived as a laborer,

saith, that as he was coming from Wokingham that he did see a man hide them in a bushe were a bridge in the waye and when he was gone this examynate did take them and soe he came by them. His occasion of being in this country was, being out of service, to seeke worke, and uppon Wensdaye night last he lodged at Wokingham, but the signe he knoweth not; upon Sonday night he lodged in Reding at the White Swan, and stayd in Reding fayre on Monday, but lodged noe where and on Tuesdaye to Wokingham: noe wief, nor company. Commytted to gaole.

[p. 12.] 14° die Febr. 1622. Coram Anthonio Knight, *Majore*, etc.

[Assise, *in margin.*] John Bristowe complayneth that Walter Perse about 3 yeres past, in August, did steale a cloke of his fourth of St. Giles Mylls in Reding and went awaye with it.

Johannes Bristowe cognovit se debere domino Regi xx*li.* ad prosequendum ad proximas assisas. [Signed] Jo. B.

Phillip Browne complayneth that the said Walter Perse at that tyme did steale a paire of breches of his and went awaye with it.

Phillip Browne cognovit se debere domino Regi xx*li.* ad prosequendum ad proximas assisas. [Signed] P. B.

The confession of the said Walter Pearse saith at that tyme he came fourth of the Lowe Countryes and was goeing towardes his freindes in Somersettshere, and that he lodged at that tyme in the Mylles and did take the same cloke and breeches, not intending to steale them, and did goe awaye with them, and during all the tyme past he hath lived in Bristowe and in Somersettshier by his trade of a clothworker; and nowe lacking worke, was mynded to come to Reding to seeke worke, and there was stayd for that former offence by the parties greeved. Sent to gaole.

19° die Febr. 1622. Coram Anthonio Knight, *Majore.*

The complaynt of Grace Elton, the wief of John Elton, of Thacham, wever, against George Lovell, of Reding, whoe saith that upon Saturdaye the 25° of Januarye last past she in the eveneing was in Bucher rewe, and there her purse was cut from her girdle and xxiij*d.* in money therein taken awaye; and the

said Lovell standing by her, and was gone, she did [soon ?] after misse her purse, and did verely thinke he had cutt her purse: and afterwardes by examinacion of him, she had her purse and viij*d.* *ob.* other money.

Johannes Elton cognovit se debere domino Regi xx*li.* quod uxor ejus prosecuta [fuerit] ad proximas assisas. [Signed] John.

Willelmus Hersey cognovit se debere domino Regi x*li.* ad testificandum. [Signed] William Hersey.

Omnes recognitiones et examinaciones preantea certificate fuerunt ad assisas tentas apud Abingdon, iij° (?) die Martii, 1622.

[Ad assisas predictas, *in margin.*] The confession of George Lovell.

Saith he found the purse in the Bucher rewe, in the evening, and caryed it home and layd out but ij*d.* of the money, and the rest with the purse the woman had agayne of this examinate. Sent to gaole.

[p. 13.] 19° die Febr. 1622.

Mr. Anthony Knight, *Maior.* Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight.

Richardus Hancocke, wever, cognovit se debere domino Regi x*li.*	that he shall not from henceforth keepe Alehous, &c.
Thomas Lagrove et Willelmus Cowper	manuceperunt pro ipso separatim in v*li.*, etc. [Signed] R. T. L.
Nicholas Ashmore, ropemaker, cognovit se debere domino Regi x*s.*	that he shall not henceforth kepe Alehouse.
Melchisech Walker Thomas Hickes	manuceperunt pro ipso separatim in v*li.*, etc. [Signed] N. W. T.

Willelmus Easton cognovit se debere domino Regi x*li.* That he shall not from hencefourth keepe alehouse.

Robertus Parsons et Henricus Merifeild	manuceperunt separatim sub pena v*li.*

Willelmus Lymbowe cognovit se debere domino Regi x*li.* That he shall not kepe alehouse.

Luke Jenever } manuceperunt separatim pro ipso
Roger Bowyer } sub pena v*li.*

Certificate fuerunt ad Sessiones Pacis Comitatus predicti, 22° die Aprilis 1623.

[Signed] William Esonne, Henry Merrifeild, Robert Parsons, William Limbow, L , R.

Robert Quicke cognovit, se, etc. in x*li.* } quod non habent abinde Alehouse.
Richard Mathewe } manuceperunt se-
Christofer Stokes } paratim v*li.*

[Signed] R., R. Q. [and a mark.]

[p. 14.] Fridaye, xxj° die Februarii, 1622, 20° regni regis Jacobi.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Anthony Knight, *Mayor**. Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *absens*, Mr. Robert Maulthus*, Mr. William Maulthus*, Mr. Roger Knight*, Mr. Christofer Turnor*, Mr. Willyam Iremonger*, Mr. Walter Bateman*, *absens*.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. John Saunders*, John Newman*, William Kendricke*, Richard Winche*, John Godderd*, *absens*, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, Arther Curtys*, John Bagley*, Richard Burren*, John Jenyns*, George Thorne, *absens*, John Blake, *absens*, Anthony Brackston, *egrotatus*.

This daye Mr. Saunders acquaynted the Company with the alteracions made by the Judges of Assises about the late orders.

And that direction was geven by the Judges that the orders should be engrossed against the Assises.

Memorandum, that those names whiche be crost (*) uppon and for some especiall causes, then and at other tymes published, have geven their voices for the removinge and displacinge of Mr. Clerke, the late Steward. And then and there they did agayne geve there voices that he is removed from his place and office of Stewardshippe and shall noe longer remayne or be Steward of the Corporacion, &c.

And then and there in his place the Cheiffe Burgesses did choose and elect Mr. Saunders to be Steward of this Corporacion, &c.

And at this daye alsoe, by and with the consent and likinge of all the aforenamed Burgesses, Mr. John Saunders was chosen and admytted Steward of this Corporacion, and then and there did take his oath to execute the office of Steward there accordinglye.

Tuesdaye, 25° Febr. 1622.

Mr. Anthony Knight, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, *egrotatus.*

At this daye a lettre from the Lord Wallingford was openly read and agreed to be answered by lettres.

[p. 15.] Wensdaye, 26 Februarii, 1622.

Mr. Anthony Knight, *Mayor.* Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger.

At this daye and tyme two severall lettres from the Lord Wallingford, dated 25° Febr. 1622, were openly read to the Company present; and [they] resolued that respect shalbe had of the aunsweringe those lettres.

At this daye alsoe a lettre, dated 26° Januarii, 1622, directed from the Mayor and Burgesses of this Corporacion to the Lord Cheiffe Justis was agayne receyved backe with a subscript and my Lordes name thereunto.

Thursdaye, 27° Februarii, 1622.

Mr. Anthony Knight, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. John Saunders, steward.

At this daye the 2 former lettres from the Lord Wallingford were agayne openly read to the said Capitall Burgesses, and an aunswere thereunto ready drawen by waye of peticion: agreed by the most voices, videlicet, all, (except:

At this daye it was agreed that the generall orders conceived for this Corporacion, and allowed by the Judges of Assises, shalbe nowe at this next Assises by the Judges' favors sealled and confirmed.

Agreed alsoe that a gratuitye to the Judges at this tyme shalbe not exceeding the value of xxvj*s*. viij*d*.

At this daye a licence under the hand and seale of the Lord Wallingford, dated 23° Januarii 1622, for John Rumsey to kill fleshe meates in this Lent season, videlicet, mutton, veale, lambe, and suche like, &c.

At this daye for some speciall causes, (whereas the quarter daye by ordinary course in this place should be upon Fridaye, the vijth of Marche next,) yt is agreed that the quarter's meetinge shalbe holden in this place upon Fridaye, the 14th of Marche next, and not before and the serjeantes willed to warne the Company accordingly, and to geve notice thereof to Mr. Taylor.

[p. 16.] Wensdaye, the vth of Marche, 1622.

Mr. Anthony Knight, *Mayor*. Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. John Saunders.

At this daye Sir Francis Knolles, th'elder, brought a lettre or notes in writing from Mr. Thomas Taylor concerning the staye of payment of his pencion formerly allowed him ; the answere is referd till quarterday.

At this daye the warrantes directed to the officers to warne in and to cause to appere all the inholders, vitlers, &c., to be bound with suretyes accordinge to the direcions of his Majesties proclamacion, &c., for due observance of Lent and for restraynt of killing and dressing fleshe, &c.

At this daye it was informed by the Cofferer, Mr. Brackston, that a great parte of Caversham Bridge is in decaye and must of necessitye be fourthwith amended ; and it was then agreed that the Cofferers shall provide tymber and plankes and cause it to be amended.

At this daye a messenger came from Mr. Clarke and said my Lord of Wallingford did will him to knowe if this Company would restore Mr. Clarke to his place and if they would he was ready to attend, and Mr. Mayor said it was not nowe in their power to doe it but did hope to geve my Lord satisfaction, &c.

VITLERS. Recogniciones separatim ut sequitur.

George Man, inholder xx*li.*

Luke Forster
Thomas Stevens } manuceperunt x*li.*

Thomas Stevens pro se xx*li.*
George Man
Luke Forster } man'.x*li.*

Luke Forster pro se xx*li.*
George Man
Thomas Stevens } man'.x*li.*

Daniell Clere pro se xx*li.*
George Nethercott
Richard Pettye } man'.x*li.*

Richard Bennett pro se xx*li.*
Francis Michell
John Burford } man'.x*li.*

Francis Michell pro se xx*li.*
Richard Bennett
John Burford } man'.x*li.*

John Burford xx*li.*
Richard Bennett
Francis Michell } x*li.*

Thomas Humfrey xx*li.*
John Bennett
Symon Huddler } x*li.*

John Bennett xx*li.*
Symon Huddler.
Thomas Humphrey.

Symon Hudler xx*li.*
Thomas Humfrey
John Bennett } x*li.*

William Hulbert xx*li.*
George Hewett
William Smyth } man'.

William Smyth xx*li.*
William Hulbert
George Hewett } x*li*

Timothie Fundye xx*li.*
William Smyth
Richard Wytton } man'.

Richard Wytton xx*li.*
William Sone
Richard Collyns } x*li.*

Thomas Wickyns, xx*li.*
James Hulbert
Bennett Bayley } man'.

James Hu[l]bert.
Thomas Wickyns.
Bennett Bayley.

William Hill, pro se xx*li.*
John Molyns
William Hersey } x*li.*

Henry Merifeild xx*li.*
Roger Symons.
Edward Merifeild.

William Sone xx*li.*
Richard Collyns
Richard Wytton } x*li.*

Richard Collyns xx*li.*
William Sone
Richard Wytton } x*li.*

[2] William Cranedye, bucher, pro se x*li.*
Robert Jaques
John Jones } x*li.*

Roger Bishop x*li.*
John Molyns
John Jones } man'.v*li.*

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VITLERS (*continued*).

Richard Shawe x*li.*
John Jones } man'.x*li.*
Roger Symons

John Creed pro se x*li.*
William Sone } man'.x*li.*
Robert Jaques

George Dewell inholder x*li.*
Edward Thornbery } man'.v*li.*
Edward Hacker

John Mapleton pro se x*li.*
David Terroll } v*li.*
George Wooldridge

John Arther pro se x*li.*
Thomas Ley.
Edward King.

Thomas Ley pro se x*li.*
John Arther.
Richard Petty.

Thomas Illesley x*li.*
Thomas Hatton.
Clement Clacke.

Thomas Hatton x*li.*
Thomas Illesley.
Clement Clacke.

Edward Symons x*li.*
Nicholas Noble.
Humfrey Parker.

Humfrey Parker x*li.*
Nicholas Noble.
Edward Symons.

Nicholas Noble x*li.*
Edward Symons.
Humfrey Parker.

Edward Brackston pro se x*li.*
William Sone v*li.*
Edward Creed v*li.*

Edward Creed x*li.*
Edward Brackston.
William Sone.

Thomas Forster pro se x*li.*
Mathewe Bond.
Gyles Poole.

Henry Moore x*li.*
Richard Petty.
John Greene.

John Greene x*li.*
Walter Bayley.
Henry Moore.

Isack Wracke x*li.*
Gregorye Stevens.
Edward King.

Gregorye Stevens x*li.*
Isack Wracke.
Edward King.

Avery Berrey x*li.*
[*blank.*]
[*blank.*]

James West, pro se x*li.*
Nicholas Coplyn v*li.*
William Potter v*li.*

Nicholas Coplyn x*li.*
James West v*li.*
William Potter v*li.*

Izaak Treherne, pro se x*li.*
Thomas Norwey.
Andrewe Browne.

Christofer Kenton x*li.*
Richard Ashmore.
Abram Paise.

Thomas Skynner x*li.*
Christofer Kenton.
Richard Ashmore.

VITLERS (*continued*).

Nicholas Larkham x*li.*	John Gulliver x*li.*	
Thomas Ley.	Thomas Parker	} v*li.*
Abraham Paise.	Fabyan Cooke	

2° tempore: 12° Martii, 1622.

Coram Anthonio Knight, *Majore*, Nicholao Gunter, Thoma Turnor, Roberto Maulthus, Willelmo Maulthus, Rogero Knight, Christofero Turnor, Willelmo Iremonger, Waltero Bateman, adhunc et ibidem presentibus, for performance of the Judges' order made in open assises for apprehending rogues, &c.

Agreed that vj men shall be daily warned, and by the Constables sett in charge to doe that service at every usuall way in the towne and beginninge to-morowe beinge Thursday and that the charges shalbe raised upon the inhabitantes as the order of the way beginninge where the watche ended last yeare: and the Bailey to warne the housholders to fynd men.

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[p. 19.] Quarter daye, Fridaye, 14° die Martii, 1622, et 20 regni regis Jacobi, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Anthony Knight, *Mayor*. Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, *absens*, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, *absens*, William Kendricke, *absens*, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, *absens*, George Thorne, John Blake, *absens*, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, *absens*, John Bagley, *absens*, Richard Burren, *absens*, John Jenyns, *absens*.

Mr. Gunter was suter and Mr. Smyth.

At this daye question was made of a lease of the meadowe at Burghfeild to be granted, and there was noe graunt made, but referd to be viewed by the Cofferers and the next quarter-daye they to informe this Company of the value and worth thereof.

Memorandum, at the next quarter daye a lease of the tenement called the Sanctuarie shalbe considered of for Richard Atwater.

Memorandum, daye was geven to Henry Moore for 50*s.* to be paid at Michaellmas next, he payeing 50*s.* presently, whiche was paid: W.B.

Memorandum, his request concerning x*s.* for wages was neither graunted, promised nor denyed, but left to consideracion of the Company when he shall paye the 50*s.* residewe of 5*li.*

xix° die Martii, 1622, et 20 regni Regis.

Mr. Anthony Knight, *Mayor.* Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnor.

Curia sive sessio Clerici Mercati infra burgum tenta die et anno supradictis.

Nomina Juratorum.

George Millisent	jurati.	Salomon Russell	jurati.
Richard Johnson, jun.		Lawrence Creed	
Edward Johnson		Willyam Collinson	
Christofer Blower		Frances Buckridge	
Richard Wisdome		Humfrey Mylles	
Thomas Sawser		John Porter	
Thomas Pococke		John Elkyns	
Peter Thorne		John Gulliver	

[p. 20.] Mondaye, 24° die Martii, 1622.

Mr. Anthony Knight, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman.

Mr. John Saunders, Mr. John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren.

At this daye it was moved by Mr. William Kendricke for the advise of this Company, concerninge the goodes drowned by the drowninge of the boate in the ryver of Thems, when 9 persons were drowned and lost their lives, and nowe found by inquisicion before the Coroner to have all those goodes deodandes what maye be the best course to be taken in this case.

Resolved that a peticion to the Almnor shalbe made and exhibited by the boatmen and inhabitantes, owners of the goodes.

And a certificat from this Corporacion that often tymes the like losse hath happened; but noe demaund of any deodandes before this tyme.

Wheler, Jackson, Jones { idle boyes professing themselves musicions livinge basely and of themselves without masters in this towne.

Jackson shalbe sent to the house of correccion.

Jones sent to his Master.

[p. 21.] Wensdaye, 2° die Aprilis, 1623.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Anthony Knight, *Mayor*. Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, Willyam Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, Willyam Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

The honorable Lord Wallingford being presente, concerning matters to be objected against Mr. Clarke, but none were shewen in writinge against him, but some objects deliverd by Mr. Mayor in words, and then refer'd untill Tuesdaye next to be then further heard.

[p. 22.] Goodfridaye, 11 Aprilis 1623, 21° regni regis Jacobi.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Anthony Knight, *Mayor*. Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. Willyam Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman.

Secondary Burgesses.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, Willyam Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye 4*li.* according to William Legge's last will was paid to 24 poore people, 3*s.* 4*d.* a peice, vizt. to eache parishe 8.

At this daye alsoe iij*li.* was geven to lx. poore wydowes according to wydowe Worsley's will : ut patet per filum Majoris.

xx*s.* to lx poore in St. Lawrens parishe.

xx*s.* to lx poore in St. Maryes parishe.

vj*s.* to xxiiij poore in St. Giles.

x*s.* to the Preacher.

3*s.* 4*d.* to the Sexten.

3*s.* 4*d.* to the Clarke, according to Mr. Blagrave's will.

At this daye Mr. Anthony Blagrave th'elder made request of payment of 25*li.*, legacy to his kinsman, John Blagrave, of Colsford, being 26 yeres of age, before the residewe of Alexander Blagrave's children named in the will, not of age.

And to give the money Mr. Blagrave promised to discharge the Company thereof and to procure a decree from the Lord Chauncelor for the payment thereof of the residue that shall arise in the like case before Alexander Blagrave's children be of age; whiche 25*li.* was paid.

At this daye Joseph Blagrave paid in the x*li.* in a newe leather purse according to Mr. John Blagrave's will.

Then 3 maydservantes were elected to come to the lott for 6*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.* of that money, videlicet,

In St. Giles' parishe.

[Cast 15 the 3 tymes; twise tyde with the next, *in margin.*] Eliz. Crauford, servant to Mr. Shorter, xj yeres and a half at Lady Daye last, probatum; she had the lott, purse and money.

In St. Lawrence parishe.

12. Anne Hiscockes, servant to William Wylmer xij yeres at Candlemas last, probatum.

In St. Marye parishe.

6. Dorothie Thorne, servant to Mr. and Mistris Harrison, xij yeres at Lady day last, probatum.

This is the second yere to Southcott towardes the vth yere according to the will.

The order resolved upon by Mr. Doctor Denison and Mr. Taylor with the Company is upon the fyle of this busynes.

xx*s.* was alsoe paid by Mr. Alexander Blagrave accordinge to his lease and his rent alsoe. Devided for bread and wyne, x*s.*

To William Wylmer, v*s.*

To the Serjeantes, v*s.*

[p. 23.] 21° die Aprilis, 1623.

Edward Hamblen complayneth that Margaret Terrant, the wief of Edmund Terrant, of Readinge, bargeman, and Marye Terrant,

her daughter, the xjth of September last past, in the daye tyme did feloniously take and steale from him one haulf bushell or more of barley being in rickes and shockes in his growndes or feildes at Caversham and the same did carry awaye with force, &c., vizt. they did lease, rubb and put in bagg or aperne, before her.

[Extra libertatem, *in margin.*] Lettys Hobtroffe of Caversham.

Edwardus Hamblen cognovit se debere domino Regi x*li.* ad prosequendum ad proximas sessiones pacis post festum Sancti Johannis Baptiste proximum.

Preceptum est Constabulariis ad capiendum partes predictas si, etc.

Suspended untill another tyme.

28° Aprilis 1623. Coram Anthonio Knight, *Majore*, etc.

The informacion of Richard Markham.

Saith that about the ij of Aprill last past, in the night tyme, the locke of his sellor dore was pickt open and locked agayne, and then he missed iiij^or^ peices of girt webbe.

Afterwardes upon Good Friday, 11° Aprilis, in the night tyme, his sellor dore was agayne pickt open and lockt agayne, and then he lost iiij^or^ peices of girt webb, iij endes or haulf roles of tobacco, one rydinge coate, color grenishe, and ij or iij cheeses; and he verily thinketh and is perswaded that [*blank*] Saunders, an idle rogue in the towne, is he that hath robbed me of theise thinges.

1. The cause of his suspition is for that he knoweth he sould the same iiij^or^ peices of girt webb first stollen to one John George, a sadler, a neighbor, 2. and that upon Easter daye, the xiijth of Aprill followeinge, the said Saunders and one Richard Tewe in a hollowe tree nere the towne, found the same coate, ij cheeses, iiij^or^ peices of girt webb, and iij endes of tobacco, carryed them home and disposed of the greatest parte thereof at their pleasure.

The examynacion of Alexander Lacye, alias Saunders, of Readinge.

[Suspensus fuit ad Assisas, *in margin.*] Saith that sithence he was from his Mr. Feild ij yeres he hath wrought for his livinge in the towne, saith that about a weeke before Easter last he did sell to John George, a sadler in Readinge, a bundle of girt webb in 4 peices for ij*s.* vj*d.*, whiche 4 peices of girt webbe he found in the highwaye, called Pangbo[rne] lane, nere Shipcoate barne, in Reading, but noe company nor parteners.

Saith alsoe that upon Easter daye towardes night, a wenche directed one Richard Tewe to a hollowe tree nere Shipcoat barne, where he and this Examynate found a riding coate, ij cheeses, and iij peices of tobacco, and a bundle of girt webbe all in the tree, and the said Richard Tewe in the eveninge did fetche and carry awaye all those thinges, and this Examynate had but haulf a cheese and xij*d.* in money of the said Richard Tewe for his part, (R. and he carryed awaye the tobacco first at the fyndinge). Sent to gaole.

[Assises, *in margin.*] Ricardus Markham cognovit se debere domino Regi 40*li.* [?] ad prosequendum versus ipsum ad proximas Assisas in comitatu predicto.

Johannes George cognovit se debere x*li.* ad dandum evidenciam n comitatu predicto.

[Signed] John George.

[p. 24.] The confession of Richard Tewe.

Saith that uppon Easter daye last in the afternoone he walkinge into the feildes in a close called Shipcotefeild, at the gate, there was ij wenches in the feild, and as he was there with his children, the wenches did espye a peice of cloth hanginge fourth of a hollowe tree, and then the said Sanders came presently after him and did see the same thinges and desired this Examinate to see what it was, and then they found in the tree an old ridinge coate, ij cheeses, j peice of tobacco, and j bundle of girt webb, conteyning 4 peices.

And this Examinate did then take awaye the peice of tobacco and j cheese, and the said Saunders did then take away the other cheise and did then hide the coate and the girt webb in the strawe nere the place.

And afterwardes, about 4 or 5 dayes after, this Examinate in the evening did goe to the place and found the coate and girt webbe and did take it awaye with him, the sayd Saunders beinge in the hospitall, he sould haulf a pound and a quarter of it at Pangborne to Richard Holmes and Raph Willys after the rate of 6*s.* 8*d.* per li.; and haulf a pound to the aquavite man Huling for ij*s.*, xij*d.* more to William Lymboe, and the rest the Constable had, vizt. dim. li.

This Examinate gave Saunders for his parte xij*d.*

John Prynce sold the girt webb for this Examinate.

And had noe acquaintaunce with Saunders before this tyme.

Richardus Tewe cognovit se debere domino Regi xl*li.* quod ipse compareat ad proximas assisas ad respondendum.

Johannes Greene, tayler } manuceperunt pro ipso separatim in xx*li.*
Johannes Clayton, clothier }

[Signed] Richard Tew.
John Ellesyton [?].
John ł Greene, [*his mark*].

Richard Markham ad prosequendum xl*li.* cognovit.
[Signed] Richard Markham.

[p. 25.] Wensdaye, 30 Aprilis 1623.

Mr. Anthony Knight, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus.

At this daye John Remnant had and receyved in full, part of the 40*li.* stocke for the house of correccion } x*li.*

For whiche he hath geven bond whiche is in the chest amongest the bookes of the house of correccion.

At this daye all the overseers of the poore of eache parishe were called to accompt of all their rates and collections, and the newe overseers to receive direccions; prout in le booke appereth for those offices.

At this daye William Sedburye was sworne to doe the office of one of the searchers and seallers of leather within this Corporacion.

[p. 26.] Saturdaye, 3° Maii 1623, 21° regni regis Jacobi, Anglie, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Anthony Knight, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, *absens*, Willyam Kendricke, *absens*, Richard Winche, John Godderd, *absens*, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye the Right Honble Lord Wallingford was present amongest the Companye, desiringe to compose the differences betwixt the Company and Mr. Clerke concerninge his puttinge out of his Stewardshippe.

And then did propound question, whiche of the Company would stand to that was done, and whether he was justly put out or noe; and some affirmed that they conceived he was justly put out and some made aunswere if, &c., and some said they were absent at the tyme, &c. Nothing ells done but Mr. Clerke to have the fees untill, &c.

[p. 27.] Wensdaye, 7° die Maii 1623.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Anthony Knight, *Mayor*. Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye Mr. Mayor caused the articles and matters objected against the Steward, beinge 15 in number, to be openly read to the Company presente.

At this daye Mr. George Thorne, Mr. John Blake and Mr. Anthony Brackston, whoe formerly were absent and had not heard the articles, and then every of them, by himself and for himself, did thinke, speake and say, that theise articles being true, Mr. Clarke is justly put out of his place, &c.

At this daye Mr. Mayor made it knowne to the Company presente that his fee is with-holden from him, and not paid, as it hath byn to other men before tyme.

Whereunto every man presente (except Mr. Bent) agreed and gave consent it should be paid him, affirminge it was wrong to him that he was unpaid.

[p. 28.] 27° Maii 1623.

Th'informacion of Thomas Hill, one of the watchmen, &c.

[Escapd, *in margin.*] That he and Francis Pais, his fellowe watchman, in Monday night about ij of the clocke, mett and

stayd two men driving 8 sheepe and vj lambes in the streetes, whoe affirmed they came from Nettlebed and did intend to goe towardes Wokingham to the markett.

The confession of Robert Shepperd, of Croker End in Netlebed parishe, husbandman.

Saith that he liveth there by [?] his labour [?] with a brother in lawe of his named Robert Jarvys, a colemaker, and hath soe done ever synce Michaellmas last, and before that in the vale about Stoudham. Not borne at Reading [?].

Saith he bought theise sheepe at Michaellmas last at Henley and hath kept them ever synce in the comon at Netlebedd and did nowe intend to sell them at Wokingham markett; 8 ewes and 6 lambes; his partener's name is John Gouldsmyth, a kynsman of his, and dwelleth in Buckingham-shier nere Brickhill, and being with him in freindshippe, entreated him to goe with him.

The confession of John Gouldinge of Solberye, Buckingham, within 3 myles of Laighton in B[edfordshire].

[3] Saith he is unmaryeed; came but yesterdaye from Solberye, where he was borne, and there he in that cuntry hath lived all his dayes by the trade of a mylwright and myller, and yesterday came to a brother in lawe of his, named George Panter, dwelling in Henley, for money he oweth him, and from thence he came to his kinsman Robert Shepperd, whoe marryed this Examinate's kinswoman dwelling at Netlebedd parishe, and being there at his house but a fewe howers his said kinsman requested to goe with him to helpe him drive sheepe to Wokingham markett, and he came from his house the last night, ij howers before night, with 8 sheepe and 6 lambes; his kinsman affirming to him it was not out of his waye to returne from thence to Buckinghamshiere. Sent to counter untill, &c.; he is kyn to his wief but not to him.

[p. 29.] 28° Maii 1623. Mr. Thomas Turnor, deputy. Mr. Walter Bateman.

At this daye Rose Godderd, wydowe, a straunger, receaved in-to the house of wydow Wickes in London Streete (examined), was warned to provide and to be gone out of towne.

At this daye Edward Stevens, an oatmeal maker, came from Sonninge, where he dwelt 3 yeres, and synce Michaellmas last

[3] About ij yeres maryed; children, *in margin*.

came to Reding and there hath taken a house of William Lettes and payeth *4li. 6s. 8d.* per annum rent, but being a stranger to the towne was willed to worke his libertie of dwellinge with the Mayor and Magistrates of the towne.

At this daye Robert Cowdrey, a stranger, useth the labor of a stockarder, and lodgeth at one Jenkyns, in Sivyer streete in Readinge, by the space of 3 weekes past and, havinge children at Heckfeild and noe wief, is forbidden to take house or dwelling in Reading, and willing to cause Jenkinson to attend Mr. Mayor.

[p. 30.] Mondaye, 23° Junii 1623.

Mr. Anthony Knight, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. Willyam Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, Willyam Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtyes, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

x*s.* shalbe geven out of the charitable uses towardes the releif of one Grey in the parishe of St. Giles'; per cur'.

At this daye a printed warrant directed to the Mayor and Cheiffe Officers of the towne of Redinge, dat. 30 die Maii, anno regni, etc., 21° per Marescallum Scacarii domini Regis in hec verba, videlicet,

Theise are, by vertue of an order made in his Majestes Court of Exchequer in Easter terme last, to will and require you, that you doe appere before the Barons of the same Court in quindena Sancte Trinitatis next, bringinge with you the charter of your said Corporacion and then to shewe cause why you should not yerely accompt in the same Court for all suche old escheated rentes, newe escheates, goodes, chattells, landes and tenementes of attainted persons, outlawes, fugitives and fellons, as shall casually happen or accrue in your said Corporacion and the liberties thereof, to the use of the Crowne, and hereof faile you not as you will aunswere the contrarie, &c.; per Marescallum Curie Scacarii domini Regis,

Was openly read to the Company present and resolved and agreed in this manner; vizt.

Mr. Mayor and Mr. Christofer Turnor shall goe and carry the chartre to shewe and aunswere the cause.

By consent to goe and advise and take the advise of Mr. Clarke and Mr. Saunders for the answering of the cause, prout, etc.

The Cofferer shall presently disburse and paye to Mr. Mayor and Mr. Turnor towardes the chardges of aunsweringe the same cause, v*li.*

And what more it shall cost, it shalbe borne by this Company, and at their returne to make accompt of their disbursmentes.

[p. 31.] Eodem die, videlicet, ad sextam horam post meridiem.

Mr. Anthony Knight, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger.

William Kendricke, Robert Bent, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this tyme it was moved by Mr. Mayor that, whereas it was apoynted that Mr. Mayor and Mr. Christofer Turnor should carry the chartre and cause the matter to be aunswered accordinge to the warrant, and request was made, for some causes, that he might not goe himself to London at this tyme and that letters and the charter maye be sent by a messenger, &c.; nothinge agreed uppon.

[p. 32.] 2° die Julii 1623. Mr. Anthony Knight, *Mayor.*

Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman.

Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Blake, Arther Curtys.

At this daye Mr. Anthony Blagrave, th'elder, in his owne persone made another request to have another 25*li.* legacye paid to his kinsman Thomas Blagrave, of Clefford, beinge nowe of the age of 26 yeres, before the residue of Mr. Alexander's 23 children named in the will.

And to have 25*li.* paid, Mr. Blagrave promised to discharge this Company thereof, and at or in Michaellmas terme next, at his owne chardges, to procure a decree in the Chauncerye for the payment thereof, and of the residue of the paymentes hereafter to be made in the like case before the residue of Mr. Alexander

Blagrave's children not yett of age, and thereuppon that 25*li.* was paid accordingly.

[Signed] Anth. Blagrave.

And at the same tyme Richard Blagrave promised to procure and bring certificate aswell of his brother's birth and age as of his owne age, from the place of their birth, before All Saintes next, upon [4] peyne of loosinge his legacye [4].

[Signed] Richard Blagrave.

[p. 33.] Mondaye, 13° Julij 1623.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Anthony Knight, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

Thomas Rumsey cognovit se debere domino Regi xl*li.* Willelmus Perce et Johannes Rumsey manuceperunt separatim xx*li.* quod ipse compareat ad proximas Sessiones pacis ad respondendum.

Ad proximas Sessiones pacis.

[Signed] Tho. Rumsey.
Johannes + Rumsey.
Willam Pears.

At this daye question was made for the levyeinge of money to paye the skavinger the arrerages past and for the tyme to come, and it was agreed that all the tax accordinge to the old rate shalbe levyed, by warrant from Mr. Mayor, and a warrant to distreyne for all due synce the xx^th^ of Marche last.

The Juryors for the Law daye shalbe called to geve uppe their [*blank*].

Complaint was made against Thomas Rumsey for hurtinge Edward Venter, vizt., for thrustinge him in the thighe ij° ynches deepe, upon Friday night last 10° Julii 1623; but the wound is not mortall by the opinion of the surgion, William Porter.

[4]—[4] crossed through in MS.

Thomas Rumsey promised to satisfye the surgion and to recompence the partie wronged; yet Thomas Rumsey shall fynd surety to appeare at the next Session.

At this daye John Smyth exhibited an order under the handes of Sir Fra. Knollis and Mr. Doctor Bowle sett upon a peticion by the Judge of Assises for payment of certen money due or expended about a paire of buttes; and for the levyeing thereof, it was ordered that it shalbe paid by th'inhabitantes of St. Maryes and St. Lawrence; vizt., St. Lawrence 10*s.* and St. Maryes the rest; St. Giles parishe doe maynteyne their owne buttes.

[p. 34.] Wensdaye, 30 Julii 1623. Mr. Anthony Knight, *Mayor.*

Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman.

Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, John Jenyns.

At this daye warninge was geven to Arthur Curtys the foreman of the Jurye for the lawe daye to bringe in their presentmentes the next Court daye.

[p. 35.] Mondaye, 4° die Augusti 1623; 21° regni regis Jacobi, etc. in lieu of the quarter daye.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Anthony Knight, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. Willyam Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye John Aldworth exhibited his peticion for some relief in his presente distressed estate. And it was resolved that Richard Stevens shalbe treated withall concerning his place in the Wool hall fourthwith; and if he shall deny to be intreated to leave

that place, then this Company will take it into their consideracion to doe therein as it shall seeme good to them, to relieve the necessity of the peticioner.

At this daye it was informed this Company that 100*li.* of Sir Thomas White's money wilbe due to be paid at Michaellmas next; and it was resolved that warninge shalbe geven to the pre . . . and sureties to provide and paye the money at the tyme appoynted.

At this daye the Cofferers resolved this Companye that the meadowe at Burfeild is worth per annum vj*li.*

Mr. Gunter and Thomas Harrison } sutors for a lease thereof; and it was then agreed that Thomas Harrison shall have a lease of the same meadowe for xxj yeares, at vj*li.* rent; with provisoe that if he shall dislike at any tyme within 3 yeres, the rent due being paid, the Mayor and Burgesses shall accept a surrender. The rent aforehand.

Mr. Gunter's deed of uses to lead his recovery to be seene at next quarter daye for satisfaction of the Company for the assuraunce, &c.

At this daye Richard Atwater requested a lease of the house and garden called the Sanctuarye in the Crowne lane. The Cofferers affirmed the value 40*s.* per annum.

A lease thereof was graunted to Richard Atwater for xxj yeres at xl*s.* per ann.

[p. 36.] Mondaye, 11° Augusti 1623. Mr. Anthony Knight, *Mayor.*

Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman.

Mr. John Saunders, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, Anthony Brackston, John Bagley, John Blake, John Godderd, Arthur Curtys.

At this daye question was made for the charges of the Mayor, Constables, and officers in the journey to Salisburye, beinge sent for by warrant, concerning the . . . . . at the passage of the Spanishe Ambassadors thoroughe the towne; referd untill further consideracion.

At this daye it was acknowledged by all the Company presente that Mr. John Saunders was and is of counsell for this Company in matters concerning the Corporacion and that he hath and shall have v*li.* yerely fee.

Question was made to have chardges allowed to Mr. Mayor and the rest that were convented before the Lordes of the Kinges Counsell and imprisoned, &c.

Yea IIIIIIIIIIII.

Noe IIIIIII.

[Vacat, *in margin.*] Agreed that John Aldworth for his relief shall have ij*s.* vj*d.* a weeke paid out of the charitable uses, untill some further course shalbe taken for his better, &c.

He shall have [*blank*] geven him presently for his relief.

[p. 37.] Election daye: Mondaye, 1° die Septembris 1623, ac 21° regni regis Jacobi.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Anthony Knight, *Mayor.* Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, William Kendricke, *absens,* Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye the said Mayor and Capitall Burgesses by direccion of the Chartre did nomynate and apoynt iij of the said Capitall Burgesses to sitt in election to th'intent that one of those 3 shalbe elected and chosen Mayor for the next yeare as by the Chartre is required: vizt.

1. Mr. Robert Maulthus IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII, Mayor elect.
2. Mr. Willyam Maulthus.
3. Mr. Roger Knight.

At this daye it was ordered that Richard Pettye, the sergeant, shalbe paid his wages, vizt. 40*s.* per annum.

[p. 38.] 2° die Septembris, 1623, et 21° regni regis Jacobi, etc.

[5] Curia sive sessio Hugonis Maye, nunc [?] Clerici Mercati hospitii domini Regis ac totius regni Anglie, etc., tenta coram Carolo Walker, generoso, unum deputatorum predicti Hugonis Maye assignatum per scriptum sigillatum et datum xvj° die Julii 1623 et anno regni regis Jacobi 21°.

[5] This entry is crossed through.

Nomina Juratorum.

George Millisent
Richard Johnson, juratus
Edward Johnson
Christofer Blower
Richard Wisdome
Thomas Sawser } jurati
Thomas Pococke } jurati
Peter Thorne } jurati
Solomon Russell
William Collinson } jurati
Francis Buckridge } jurati
Humfry Mylles
John Elkyns
[6] John Gulliver, *absens*
George Wooldridge
Fabyan Cooke
John White
Nathaniell Hersey
Richard Stockwell
Richard Cave
John Mapleton
Thomas Edwyn

per se to see the waightes and measures compared with the standerd.

jurati ad inquirendum pro omnibus.

John Browne, *licenciatus de parte*
John Porter, *absens*

[p. 39.] Wensdaye, 10 Septembris, 1623.

Mr. Anthony Knight, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. William Bateman.

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[p. 40.] Fridaye, Quarter daye, 19° die Septembris, 1623, et 21° regni regis Jacobi, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Anthony Knight, *Mayor.* Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor elect,* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, *absens,* Mr. Walter Bateman.

[6] John Gulliver, *struck through.*

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, Willyam Kendricke, Richard Winche, *absens*, John Godderd, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, Anthony Brackston, John Blake, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this day a lettre from Lord Wallingford in the behaulf of the Scholemaster concerninge the abating of vj*li.* fee formerly allowed him, to be restored and paid quarterly as before tyme, &c.

It was presently agreed and resolved that my Lordes request shalbe granted (th'accomptes being first seene).

At this daye alsoe lettres directed to the terrtenantes of the Almehouse of John Leche alias Larder's foundacion were openly read to the Company present; and resolved that Mr. Sanders shall as before followe the busynes and doe therein what shalbe necessary, &c.

At this daye the 100*li.* due to be repaid upon Michaellmas daye next, according to Sir Thomas White's will, was disposed to iiij^{or} poore young men, clothiers, vizt.

To Walter Bye 25*li.*	Mr. Kendricke. Mr. Ellys & Mr. N.
To James Winche 25*li.*	Mr. Ja. Winche. Edward Brackston & R. W.
To Walter Fellowe 25*li.*	Reynold Brookes.
To John Harrison 25*li.*	William Parre & a fellow.

Suretyes, Richard Stow, William Chaumbly, Nicholas Weston.

At this daye Edward Baker and officers requested their chardges in goeing to Court to aunswere what supposicion was alledged, &c.

Yea [*blank*].

Noe, by reason they are imediate officers to the Kinge and not officers to the Mayor.

At this day John Aldworth his peticion was agayne renued for his relief, being in distresse. Nihil in camera.

[p. 41.] Wensdaye, 24° Septembris 1623.

Mr. Anthony Knight, *Mayor*. Mr. Robert Maulthus, elect, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Edward Clarke, sceneschall, John Newman.

At this daye Thomas Olde, of Horsham, in com. Sussex, plumpmaker, or jugme . . . made question for the buyldinge a cunditt

and bringinge the water into the markett place, and that the Corporacion shalbe at their choise, either to doe it at their charges and to paye him, or to assure him an estate and he to doe it at his chardges. Wensday next to resolve. And then it was agayne put of untill a newe warning within 14 dayes.

Nicholas Westwood } jurati in officio scrutatorum panni
Richard Horsingdon } infra burgum.

Nicholas Westwood cognovit se debere domino Regi 40*li.* } ad exequendum officium secundum statutum.
Richard Horsingdon cognovit se debere domino Regi 40*li.* }

Wensdaye, j° Octobris, 1623.

Mr. Anthony Knight, *Mayor.* Mr. Robert Maulthus, elect, &c., Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman.

At this daye Mr. Christofer Turnor paid for Ethilbert Feilder xxv*li.*

Richard Burren paid his xxv*li.*

John White paid his xxv*li.*

Mr. John Bolter beinge surety for Walter Eyre xxv*li.*

Lent gratis x yeres past [*blank*].

At this daye Edmond Poynes, servant to the Right Ho^ble^ Lord Corke, complayneth that this presente morninge, j° October, lodging in the Inn called the Crowne, was distreyned and deprived of 3*li.* 6*s.* in money by a straunger that lodged in the house all that night and supped with him, and one of the parties calling himself Mr. Greene lodged in bed with him, and the other is called Mr. Smyth.

Prayeth that Andrew Browne, [the] ostler [*blank*], chamberlyn, and inholder, maye be convented and examyned of the thinges, &c.

Isaak Treherne saith he never sawe nor knewe either of the parties, but onely one of them, whose name is Greene, and for about a yere past he lodged there but had noe other knowledge of him and the partie greeved, and all the rest came in togither, but this Examinate did not see them untill this morning; and they went awaye all togither in freindly manner, not complayning.

Andrew Browne saith he hath noe acquayntance with any of them, they came all 3 into the house togither, supt togither and went away togither with another man that supt with them.

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p. 42. [Burgus de Readinge in Berkes, *in margin.*] Die Lune, 6° die Octobris, 1623, annoque regni regis Jacobi 2j°.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Anthony Knight, *Mayor.* Mr. Robert Maulthus, elect, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. Clerke, Steward, Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

William Brackston and John Dewell	Cofferers, jurati preantea.
George Wooldridge Nicholas Westwoode	Constables, jurati.
Richard Johnson, jun. Arthure Lyford	Wardens of Highward, jurati.
William Parre Willyam Mylles	Wardens of Minsterward, jurati.
John Lyttle Steven Remnant	Wardens of London ward, jurati.
John Hall Ellys Knight	Wardens of Newe warde, jurati.
Thomas Smeeth James Arnold	Wardens of Old warde, jurati.

At this daye the said Mr. Robert Maulthus, being formerly elected Mayor by direccions of the Chartre did :—

1. Take Oath of supremacye.
2. The oath of Mayor and Justice of Peace.
3. And the Oath of Clarke of the Markett within the B . . .
4. And did then and there nomynate Constables, Wardes and other Officers of and for the said boroughe, &c.

[p. 43.] xj° die Octobris, 1623. Coram Roberto Maulthus, *Majore*, etc.

John Smyth of Shipton Mallard in the county of Somersett, cordwever, complaineth that one John Potter of Reding hath cheated

him of x*s*. at Wantage fayre uppon Monday last past in playeing togither in a vitling house with false dyce, beginning to play for j pot of bere and soe by degrees for more. Further saith that the cause of this Complainantes being at Wantage faire was this; vizt. to seek for and to apprehend the bodyes of Thomas Kempe, Bartholomew Hopkyns and Phillip Kent, by vertue of my Lord Cheiffe Justyce's warrant, for cheating Roger Walter of five poundes od money, whiche warrant was dated 15° Junii 1622; and was to holde and contynue in force but 3 monethes next after the date and noe longer.

William Veruyll of Newberye went in this Complainantes company.

This Complainant hath byn acquaynted with the said John Potter a long tyme, yea, ever synce he had understanding, for he knewe his father many yeres, but mett with him at Wantage accidentally without any forknowledge one of another's being there, and that the other cuntryman whiche Potter did cheat of 8*s*. was in the house before this Examinate came thither to his remembrance and did joyne parteners with this Examinate, but this Examinate did not knowe what money the stranger had in his purse, &c. Sent to the house of correccion.

John Potter.

Saith that he hath knowne the said John Smyth this twelmoneth or there aboutes by means of his coming to this Examinate's father's. And this Examinate saith that he did intend to goe to Wantage faire, and upon the said daye, as he was goeing thither he by reason of the wett wether, he stayd at Blewberye and there mett in the house of one Nicholas Humfrey, being a vitling house, with the said John Smyth and with ij Londyners, whose names he knoweth not, and there suppt altogither (but had noe playe there) and the next morning being Wantage faire daye they went awaye towardes Wantage, but not all togither in the waie [?], yett mett in Wantage streete, and in the companye of the said John Smyth there was one stranger, not knowen to this Examinate, and they went then to a vitling house to drinke and there to parte the strife, whoe should paye for the bere. The said John Smyth drewe fourth 3 dyce and would have the dyce to decyde the controversye by casting ten or above upon wager of wynninge or losing the beere. And to play they went, the stranger standing by; and it happened that Jhon Smyth did wyn;

and then upon further agreamentes they played the second 3 and 4 tymes, 3 groates to one, with this Examinate, both John Smyth and the stranger; and they did wyn all, and this Examinate did loose; and then they played agayne 3*s.* to one, and the stranger alsoe: and then this Examinate did wyn, and after that they played double, vizt. vj*s.* to ij*s.*, and this Examinate did wyn: and havinge gotten his owne money agayne and 18*s.* over and above he gave over and left the play.

[p. 44.] Ellyn Potter, the wief of John Potter.

Saith she hath knowne the said John Smyth a yere or thereaboutes by meanes of his cominge to her father Potter's house; and the last tyme she did see him was about the tyme of Way Hill faire, when the said John Smyth came and would perswade her husband to goe to Way Hill faire and to the Vize and said he should not lacke money; but her husband to her knowledge did not goe to Way Hill nor to the Vize.

And nowe this last Wensdaye the said John Smyth came to her husband for the x*s.* he woone of him at Wantage faire and for haulf the 8*s.* he woone of the cuntryman which was in their company at Wantage, affirming the cuntry hinde had 40*s.* in his purse, whiche he might have woon if he had not geven over, if he had byn wise.

And further said that the said John Smyth had a counter like a peice of gould, whiche, if her husband had playd, he would have tempted or swetened the mouth of the said cuntry man therewith, to have made him playe further.

And that he came for his money, for that he had byn like to have byn in trouble about that money if he had not changed his bond at Wantage, and other suche circumstances.

[p. 45.] 13° die Octobris 1623.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John

Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

Richard Joyes, juratus, presens.

Edward Baker	jurati.	Richard Stumpe	jurati.
John Osgood		Gilbert Brackston	
Thomas Filpe		William Potinger	
Richard Horsingdon		Henry Alright	
Richard Sheale		James Winche	
William Densill		Hughe Quicke	
Frances Buckridge		Christofer Clarke	
William Hill		Richard Prince	
William Jacobb		Richard Joyes	affirers, jurati.
William Ellyns		William Jacobb	
Richard Godderd		Edward Baker	
Thomas Barber			

At this daye it was agreed that there shalbe 3 heywardes this yere, and they shall have their wages paid them by the Cofferers; vizt. 13*s.* 4*d.* a peice.

At this daye the lawdaye was holden.

Constables	Edward Baker John Mylles	presente, pro ut.
Highward	John Tanner John Johnson	presente, pro ut.
Minsterward	John Booth Walter Fellowe	presente, pro ut, etc.
London ward	William Hersey Thomas Worsley	presente, pro ut, etc.
Old Ward	John Frances Richard Merun [?]	presente, pro ut, etc.
Newe Warde	Gabriell Chapman Alexander Pococke	pro ut, etc.
	William Some John Porter	scrutatores carnis.
	John Gulliver Richard Wytton	scrutatores piscium.
	Christofer [*blank*]	

[p. 46.] 17° Octobris 1623. Coram Roberto Maulthus, *Majore*, 1623.

The complaynt of Pawle Cox, servant to Mr. Martyn Tichborne of Ufton: sayeinge uppon his [oath].

That on Wensdaye night last past his master's dwelling house was broken open in the night tyme by personnes unknowne, and there hence was stollen and carryed awaye divers particular goodes, vizt. a horseman's coate, sad and medley colour and laced, a canvas table-cloth, ix flexen napkyns, viij canvas table clothes and many other thinges mencioned in a note upon the file, &c., some of his master's, and some of his and other servantes.

[Ad Assisas, *in margin*.] Pawle Cox cognovit se debere domino Regi xl*li.* ad prosequendum versus 3 homines jacentes [?] in gaola ad proximas Assisas, etc.

The complaint of Richard Wylder, of Mighells.

Saith that on Wensdaye night last past his dwellinge house at Mighells was broken by persones unknowne to him, whiche did enter and stele and carryed awaye fourth of his house one cloke, one paire of breches, one wascote, one smocke without sleves, j pewter platter, iij or iiij girdles, ij bandes and j blacke hatt, and some other thinges he cannott name, presently seeinge the cloke and breeches and j red girdle in the Mayor's house, whiche were taken uppon or in the handes of iij vagrant persons then attached by the constables at Reding, challendged them and saith that cloke, breches and j girdle were his goodes whiche were stollen out of his house that Wensdaye night.

Richard Wylder cognovit se debere dicto domino Regi 40*li.* ad prosequendum versus omnes illos tres homines ad proximas Assisas.

John Wimpey of Readinge, wyer-drawer, saith that yesterday the xvj^th^ of October he did helpe the wydowe Grey's daughter dwelling next dore to his father to bargayne and buy a parcell of brused pewter weighing 8*li.* and quarter, being offered to sell at her shoppe, the man that sold the pewter was a stranger clothed in a grene paire of stockyns, a paire of stuffe breches, with a black hatt, and seeinge one Henry Chambers, then standinge in the Mayor's house, said he was the man.

Cognovit se debere domino Regi x*li.* ad dandum evidenciam ad proximas Assisas.

Richard Millington, servant to William Wympye, did then see that man, then in presens of the Mayor and Constables, at the wydowe Grey's shoppe sellinge that pewter, vizt. 3 dishes, j pewter plate, j great platter and 3 other dishes for iiij*s.* vj*d.*, all brused and defaced; cognovit se debere x*s.* ad dandum evidenciam.

[Ad Assisas, *in margin.*] Whiche pewter Mr. Tichburne's man challendged to be his master's and had it.

[p. 47.] 17° Octobris 1623.

The confession of Thomas Chambers, one of the iiij^or^ men whiche the Constables apprehended at the house of William Symons.

Beinge examyned, saith that he alwayes lived at Bridgewater in the countye of Somersett by the trade of linnen wever untill about midsomer last past and then travelinge the cuntry to seeke worke, and cominge to Oxford he did there worke at his trade untill about a moneth past; and from thence he went with one John Parsons into Wilteshere to seeke worke and fynding none he was goeinge towardes Surrey; and on Mondaye night last past lodged within vij or viij myles of Hartley Rowe, and on Tuesdaye night last he lodged nere Hartley rowe, on Wensdaye he came towardes Reding and laye that night in a barne at a husbandman's house not knowinge the place, within 4 myles of Readinge, havinge noe company with him, and on Thursdaye last about xij or j of the clocke he came into Readinge to an alehouse there, beinge the house of one Symons (havinge noe company), and there by chaunce did meete with his brother Henry Chambers whome he had not seene a long tyme; and as to the other ij men then in the alehouse he had never seene them before; and beinge demaunded if he and one of the other men taken with him in the alehouse were not yesterdaye begginge or asking relief in the parishes of Sulhampstede and Ufton, 4 or 5 myles out of Reding, saith he was not there, nor had any company, the yesterdaye being Wensdaye, neither did this Examynate bringe any goodes into the alehouse, but onely a horseman's coate and one white hatt with a broad brym, whiche he had and bought the last weeke of a traveler goeinge towardes London, and paid for them v*s.* iiij*d.*, and the white hatt he did nowe sell to his hostes. Comytted to gaole.

Pawle Cox, complainant, servant to Mr. Tichburne, standing by, said the horseman's coate was his master's, the white hatt is his, and the hatt band his master's.

The confession of Henry Chambers, another of the iiij^or^ men attached by the Constables.

Beinge examyned, saith that he was borne and brought uppe in Bridgwater in the county of Somersett and there did live in his trade of a lynnen wever untill about haulf a yere last past, and then travelled the cuntry to seeke worke, and upon Monday last lodged at a place called Newenham, and Tuesdaye night at or nere Wallingford and from thence on Wensday on Wensdaye [*sic*] he lodged in a barne at Blountes Court, and from thence he came Thursdaye, vizt. yesterdaye, to Readinge and there goeinge into one Symons his house (beinge an alehouse) about xij or one of the clocke in the after noone and there by chaunce mett with his brother Thomas Chambers whome he had not seene in 3 quarters of a yere before: and in his brother's company there was another man in russett clothes whiche this Examinate did not knowe; and denyeth that he was in any place or parishe in Berkshiere upon Wensdaye begging; and further saith that he brought not any goodes into the said alehowse (savinge a lynnen bagg empty). Sent to gaole.

[p. 48.] The confession of John Annesley.

Saith he late dwelt at Uckfeild within vj myles of Lewes and there lived by his trade of a fustyan wever, untill about a moneth past, then he went from thence to Salisburye to a brother he hath there and from thence he travelled the cuntry to seeke worke; on Sundaye last he came to Wallingford and there lodged at an alehouse, called the Greene Tree, Sondaye night and Mondaye night, and one Tuesdaye he travelled the country and came to Speneham Land by Newbery and there lodged Tuesday night and Wensday night, but he knowethe not his hoste's name, neither can remember what signe; and on Thursdaye, vizt. yesterdaye, he came from thence about 3 or 4 of the clocke in the morninge to Theale and soe to Readinge, to one Symons' house, an alehouse, and brought into the house with him a cloake, a paire of breches, one table napkin, one towell, one old wallett and 3 or 4 knyves, whiche cloake he bought of a traveller in the way, unknowne to him, and paid for it iij*s*. iiij*d*., and bought of the same traveller

the breeches and paid for them xviij*d.*, and the napkyn and towell he bought of the same man and paid but iiij*d.* for them both, and the knyves he found; stayd not in the cuntry nor did not aske relief in the citie.

And beinge examined what company, saith none: and never did see nor had any acquayntance with the other iij men whiche were found in the said alehouse untill yesterdaye in the afternoone. Sent to the gaole.

Pawle Cox claymed the black knyfe to be his, all the pewter dishes his master's, the napkyns and strayning cloth his master's, that cloke and the breches Richard Wylder's.

The confession of Alice Symons, wief of William Symons.

Saith that the blacke fellowe, viz[t]. Tho. Johnson, came to their house on Wensday last in the afternoone, and lodged there all that night.

The other 3 strangers came thither Thursday last about x or xj a clocke, ij at the first, and the tall man, viz[t]. John Annesley, came after them; the ij men brought a little fardell of some thinges in a lynnen bagg, but what thinges she knoweth not.

The tall man had a cloke and one or the other a horseman's coate; she bought of the said Thomas Chambers a white hat for iij*s.*; a paire of breches and ij napkyns of the tall man for iij*s.*; she receyved nothinge ells of them.

Sisley Dolman did see all those 3 men at Weyhill fayre, whiche did cause her to drinke with them at Symons' house on Thursday last.

Willyam Symons cognovit se debere domino Regi xl*li.*		quod ipse Willelmus et Alicia uxor ejus compareant ad proximas Assisas ad respondendum ad omnia que, etc.
Thomas Richardson, basketmaker, William Wayte of Redinge, bricklayer,	manucederunt separatim xx*li.*	

[Signed] William S. Thomas N Richardsonn.
William Wayte.

[p. 49.] Mondaye, 20 die Octobris, 1623.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

At this daye it was agreed that Edward London and Richard Bredd, carpenters, shall from hencefourth survey and oversee the bridges and byldinges concerninge the Boroughe and Corporacion, and shall for their paynes, in that behaulfe, have yerely 4*s*. a peice quarterly paid them ; and doeinge the worke shalbe paid for their paynes.

Mr. Gunter will oversee the worke in the house of correccion this yere.

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[p. 50.] 21 Octobris, 1623. Coram Roberto Maulthus, *Majore*.

The confession of Agnes Gregorye, of the parishe of Rippon in the county of York, spinster.

Saith that she dwelt last of all in Aldersgate Streete with Mr. Gabryell Perinshey, a coachmaker, in London, almost about two yeres at Michellmas last past, and then travelled the cuntry, and went to Thame and Oxford to seeke service, and at Oxford she lived with a poore woman untill Christmas, and then she went from thence to Henley, and havinge a cuntryman at the Lady Forster's, nere Henley, she did stay and rest betwixt the Lady Forster's house and one Noble's, in Henley; she spent ij or iij monethes, and then after at the said Noble's house; the man called Hamshier Will came and sould certen bondes, and by stayeing there a while grewe acquaynted with her, and from thence he perswaded her to goe with him, about a sixe weekes past; and then they went togither to Wallingford and there he left her at the house called the White Horse, and there she stayd a weeke or thereaboutes; and then he came to Wallingford to her, and then he brought to her a grey peticoate, iij paire of sheetes, j paire flexen, and the other coarse cloth, and j paire of canvas sheetes, and ij bockram shirtes and nothinge ells at that tyme, and sould the paire flexen sheetes to the hostes of the house ; and the rest he sold in the towne, but to whome she knoweth not ; and the next weeke he went awaye and willed her to goe to Henley agayne and he would come to her ; and that weeke he came to her to Henley to the said Noble's house, and then he brought with him vj peices of pewter, vizt. 3 platters, ij pottingers and j quart pott ; all whiche he carryed awaye ; but where he sold them she cannott tell ; stayeing there Saturdaye and Sondaye ; and on Mondaye he

and Thomas Johnson went awaye there hence to Maydenhead; and nere Maydenhed he went from her, and willed her to goe to Winsor to the signe of the Eagle, and there he would come to her on Saturdaye night; and that Saturdaye night they did meete there at that house, and then he brought with him a dussen peices of pewter, vizt. all platters, and iij pewter spoones, and nothinge ells, and he sold all that pewter in the towne, but to whome she cannott tell, for he carryed fourth unknowne to her; and they stayd at Winsor that Saturday night and Sondaye night.

And on the Mondaye they went awaye togither towardes the Lady Harbartes, and not farr from thence he and his partener did resolve to have a house where they did thinke to have good store of money; for there was but an old man, an old woman and a mayd about the house; it was iij or iiij^or myles from the Ladyes house, and they laye a weeke about that, but could not prevaile, and at the weekes end they returned backe agayne to Maydenhead, to the White Horse at Maydenhead, where they willed this Examinate to meete them, and she went thither on Fridaye, and on Saturdaye they came thither and stayd not there but the drinking of a pott of bere.

And then they sent her to Henley to her host, Noble's, and then upon Friday followeing they both came to the said Noble's house; and then they brought nothing but money to the value of xx*s*. whiche she sawe tolde, and they then said they had it at house, and then they stayd there altogither untill Sondaye; and then the two men went awaye as they said into Berkshiere, to one wydowe Glover's, but where she knoweth not, and from thence they tooke some brasse or pewter, and coming from thence, being pursued, they left the goodes and lost it, and being taken uppe by some neighbours and searche being made in Henley, it was reported by her hostes that the woman had her goodes agayne, and this Examinate saith that she hard them saye that the said goodwife Glover had a sonne named Henry Glover of the same trade they were of, and had rob'd his mother once or twise before.

[p. 51.] And further she saith that, in that night in whiche they had robbed the wydowe Glover, hue and crye being made, they two men, vizt. Hamshiere Will and Thomas Johnson, went from Noble's house about the breake of the daye, and she went with them at that tyme; and they went altogither into Berkshiere, by the horsboate over the water and, as she thinketh, to the place

called Pangborne, and she lodged there all that night, and they went awaye and apoynted her to meete them at the grene tree in Wallingford, and accordingly she went thither; and upon Friday followeing they came thither and brought money with them to the value of 40*s*., as they said, but noe other goodes, and they staid there all that Friday night, Saturdaye and Sondaye.

And then on Mondaye they went all togither to Henley to the said Noble's house, and there the two men beinge drunke they fell out in partinge[7] of their money, and then the said Thomas Johnson went awaye from Will, leavinge Hamshiere Will and this Examinate at Henley; and this Examinate and Hampshiere Will stayd there all that weeke, and then the said Will gave . . . . . : and then uppon Sondaye the said Will and this Examinate came from Henley to Readinge to one Green's house, a smythe, the signe of the Horshooe in the highwaye, and there stayd but a while, and then they went from thence towardes Twiford, and in the waye they mett with one Mathewe Hobbes, a pedler, carryeing a packe, and iij other lusty younge men in his company, with Hobs his wief and another woman that carryed Hobbes childe; and they havinge some speches one with another they directed the said Hampshere Will and this Examinate to goe to the house of one Bushnell, an alehouse in Earley, nere the highwaye: and the said Hobbes and his company went towardes Readinge, but before they parted they agreed to meete all at Wokingham, at the signe of the Chopping Knife, by eleven of the clocke on Mondaye, the next daye, intendinge and agreeinge from thence to goe into Hampshiere to one house where the said William had dwelt, and thence he would bringe them to a hundred poundes in money, and Hobbes said he knewe of a house towardes Weyhill where he was sure to have money, but what store he could not tell. Nowe, by reason this Monday morninge proovinge soe wett, theise parties did not meete, and in the afternoone the said Wille and this Examinate stayeing at Bushnell's in Earley, where they lodged, untill ij or iij a clocke, returneth towardes Reading and there were presently attached.

Memorandum, that the said Hampshier Wille, before this last weeke, had and did use to weare a horseman's coate, colour grey, and did use to were a sword, and uppon Saturday last in Fillis Court, in or nere Henley, did enterteyne a boye into his company; and that Saturdaye night, the said Wille being drunke, the said

[7] *or abuse*, written above.

boy ran awaye and carryed with him the horseman's coate and the sword.

Memorandum, that the said Wille, at their last being at Henley, brought in his breches a sad coulord wascote, laced with a grene lace, and a smocke, whiche he gave this Examinate, and ij shirtes which he sold to a woman in Henley, charginge this Examinate she should not were that wascote nere Wallingford.

Memorandum, that the said Thomas Johnson was in company with the said Wille and did alwayes contynue untill their partinge at Henley.

[p. 52.] 22° Octobris, 1623. Coram Roberto Maulthus, *Majore.*

[Ad Assisas pros., *in margin.*] John Walker of Arberfeild in com. Berkes complaineth, that on Saturdaye night was senight, vizt. 11° Octobris, his house was broken open about xj and xij of the clocke in the night, and there was ij or iij men that were in his house, but being darke did not see them, but he and his children cryed out and made what noise they could, and the theeves threatned them they would cutt their throates, &c.; they stolle and carryed out of his house 3 cheeses, ij or iij small peices of woollen cloth, ij or iij small peices of fustyan, and haulf a lofe of bredd, and they left behind them an axe and a bill in his house, with whiche they breake uppe his dores.

It was darke soe that he could not see the theeves; and further saith that he did see this tall man in company with ij other men, drinking at Awfild Crosse in Thomas Den's (?) house.

Cognovit se debere domino Regi xx*li.* ad prosequendum ad proximas assisas.

[Assis. ad pros., *in margin.*] Alice Hobson of Barkham, wydowe, complaineth that on Saturday was senight in the night, 11° Octobris, her house was broken uppe, and ij men strangers bound her and iij children in their bedd, threatned to kyll her and the children if they did cry, and carryed awaye from her ij kettells, j paire of canvas sheetes, ij apernes, vizt., one bockram and the other canvas, j cambricke handkerchiffe wrought with blacke worke, ij bondes of the children, j paire of yellowe stockyns, five spoones and j sawser of pewter, j grene cloth safegard or kertell, bound with white leather, j long table napkyn and haulf a sheete of coarse cloth, iij yardes of lynsey woolsey, j smocke, j bill and one axe, and breaking open her chest tooke her keys and the key of her dore,

j canvas bed case, the cloth of a paire of breches ript out; and further saith this tall man was the man that did bynd her and put her safegard into his hose; and did lack some of his teeth.

Cognovit se debere domino Regi xx*li.* ad prosequendum.

[Ad testificandum, *in margin.*] George Deane of Awfeild Crosse saith that upon Saturdaye was senight iij men, strangers, came to his father's house at Awfeild Crosse to drinke, about xij of the clocke, and stayd there drinkinge untill about 4 of the clocke, and then they went awaye altogither; and they brought in with them every of them a staffe, ij longer then the other; and one of the men had a sword with a belt, and with his sword he cutt the two longe staves and made them shorter, to the value of an ell in length; and further saith that in that night after the said poore woman's house was broken, a neighbour, vizt. James Hawkes, found one of those cutt staves at the poore woman's house, and this Examinate did see the staffe and knoweth that it is one of the staves whiche the man did cutt at his father's house. And further saith that the man nowe being before Mr. Mayor was one of the 3 men, vizt., the man that did cutt the staves with his sword.

Cognovit se debere domino Regi x*li.* ad dandum evidenciam ad proximas assisas versus Hamshier Will. [Signed] George Deane.

The Marshall Thurner must appere, for he was the cause of his apprehension.

[p. 53.] Eodem die. Thomas Bushnell of Earley.

Saith that on Sonday last the man and woman in question came to his house about . . . or . . . of the clocke and stayd there all that night and untill 2 or 3 of the clocke on Monday, and they brought a little box with some wares, and the coate he hath on his backe, whiche he changed with the man in counter: noe acquayntaunce with them; but in regard of the rayne they stayd the longer. Beinge examined concerninge the abusinge the officers, saith he was in a fault; but very sorye for his misdoeinge; saith he knoweth Hobbes for he and his wief did lodge their Readinge faire daye at night.

Th'examynacion of William Marchante, late of Great Wickham, sherman, borne at Basingstoke, called Hamshier Will.

Saith that he came from Spayne about 7 weekes past and landed at Plymouth, and from thence came towardes Basingstoke,

where he was borne; and, bringing nere 40 poundes of tobacco, sould that in severall places, and did seeke worke at his trade of a sherman; he was never in Wallingford; but once at Henley synce he came over, and at that tyme lodged at the White Horse uppon the bridge, and that was about 3 weekes past, and never at Noble's; and from thence he went to London and there stayd fortnight to sell his tobacco, and hath byn but 4 dayes in this cuntry. He lodged in Egham upon Saturdaye was senight at night, but the house he knoweth not, nere the Kinges Hedd, and from thence to London. And Wensdaye last he came from London to Brainford that night; at Hounslowe Thursdaye and Fridaye; Saturdaye at Kinges Arbour there; Sondaye night at Earley at Bushnell's; Mondaye attached at Reding; he had his wief before he went into Spayne; he was maryed at Wickham and had a child by her; he found her beyond Maydenhead, beinge sending for her to Wickham to meet at Maydenhed the last weeke, vizt. Thursdaye; she went with him to London and returned with him, and lodged with him at Bushnell's Sonday night last: his grey coate and sword were stollen from him by a stranger at 3 Myle Crosse, at Drewes house, on Saturday night was senight; he brought the cipres band out of Spayne with him; he is called or knowne by no other name but by William Marchante; he knoweth neither Barkham (?), Arberfeild nor Wargrove, neither was he at the robbing of any house, nor had any company but his wief. Comytted to gaole.

[p. 54.] 29° Octobris, 1623. Coram Roberto Maulthus, *Majore.*

The complainte of Johan Dearinge of Wargrove, wydowe.

Saith that uppon Thursdaye was fortnight, vizt. the ixth of this October, in the night tyme, persones unknowne unto her knocked at her dore and, she demanding whoe was there, one of them said, open the doore (mother), and she thinking it was her own sone thereuppon opened her doore, and presently two men came in, and the one of them havinge a naked sword in his hand (she cryeing out) they bid her hold her peace and goe to her bed (sayeing she should have noe harm); but presently they bound her and a mayd that was in bed with her, and then they tooke her keys and opened her chest, and they tooke awaye out of the chest 7 peices of pewter, vizt. vj great platters and j lesse platter, one pewter salt, one pewter tunnell, iiij^{or} spoones, j brasen basen,

j brasse chaving dishe, j brasse pott, j brasse kettell, one white russett cloth gowne, one cloth kertle, ij neckerchiffes, j holland kerchewe, ij bockram handkercheffes, j neckcloth, ij coifes, ij cresse clothes, ij holland apernes, iij paire handcuffes, two black hattes, one paire of sheetes, j smocke, j blewe aperne, ij hempe apernes, j paire of shooes, j silver guilt ringe, and viij*d.* in money, ij girdles, j dussen of living chickyns, iij gallons of wheate meale, in a bagg, haulf a bushell of small nuttes, one wallett, j hemp bagg of a bushel, j quarterne of flax, ij apple pyes, and threatned them if they made any out-cry they would be the death of them (thoughe it were 7 yeres).

And this complainant, seeinge the tall man, vizt. William Merchant, nowe in the gaole, saith is one of the men whiche came into her house and the same man that did bynd her handes; and that the fellowe in the howse of correccion, vizt. Thomas Johnson, is the other man that came into her house and did hold the candle.

Cognovit se debere domino Regi xl*li.* ad prosequendum ad proximas assisas.

[Signed with her mark.]

Ann Deringe, spinster, being she that was in bed with her and did see them, and she did see iiij^or^ or 5 men at the doore.

Cognovit se debere domino Regi x*li.* ad dandum evidenciam.

[Signed with her mark.]

[Assis', *in margin.*] The examynacion of Thomas Johnson.

Saith he was borne and dwelt at East Grenested in Sussex, but dwelt therein for 3 yeres, but it was 3 yeres past, and sythence hath lived by his labour amongest the yron workes in other places, saith that he came lately into this cuntry; he never did lodge at Wallingford, nor Henley, neither doth knowe the places; never had any company in his travell; knoweth not Hampshere Will, nor Henry Derringe; denyeth all thinges in scoffinge manner, nor never kept company with Hamshere Will, nor will declare where he lodged, nor cannot name the places. Sent to gaole.

He was one of the 3 men which did drinke at Awfeild Crosse, and thought to be one of them whiche did breake the houses at Barkham and Arberfeild. Vide George Deane and Agnes Gregorye.

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[p. 55.] 25 Octobr. 1623.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye, the better according to the orders establyshed, to provide that the poore people, spynners and carders, and others dependinge uppon the clothiers for their livinges, lacking worke, shalbe provided for to have worke, all the clothiers were warned to appeare and there came and apeared in the Guildhall.

George Thorne	William Blacknoll
Richard Burren	Walter Fellowe
David Terroll	James Arnold
William Densill	William Taylor
Richard Stampe	Thomas Filpe
Robert Terroll	Thomas Iremonger
Andrew Kenton	John Chandler
James Winche	Walter Bye
Humfry Evens	Luke Forster
John White	Mathewe Emmauchre (?)
Robert Jones	Nicholas Westwood
Joseph East	William Mylles
John Hall	Thomas Nirloye
John Cale	Richard Horsingdon
John Harrison	William Potinger.

It was at this tyme concluded and agreed that the better to prevent the complaint of the poore people in this kynd, there shalbe two Clothiers overseers in every parishe whiche shall joyne withe the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poore of eache parishe for the setting of those poore people to worke weekly, and the Clothiers overseers shall once in every weeke, vizt. every Monday morninge at 8 of the clocke, meete at the Towne hall and there staye an hower or two and here and examyne the cause of the

complaint, and then and there provide or assigne them worke at the Clothiers, as in their discretions shalbe fitt for them within the Corporacion, and withall to survey and enquire of strangers, jurneymen wevers, sheremen and others, whiche live here to the hinderance of the inhabitantes.

In St. Maryes parishe	Richard Stampe Joseph East	to joyne with the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poore there.
In St. Giles parishe	Robert Terroll Robert Jones	to joyne with the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poore there.
In St. Lawrence parishe	John White William Potinger	to joyne with the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poore in and for that parishe.

Memorandum, theise agreements shalbe published in the Churches the next Saboth dayes.

At this daye alsoe the order for lanthorne and candle light was agreed to be put in execution as by bill apereth.

At this daye Mr. Thomas Turnor brought in and delivered into the handes of Mr. Mayor and the Hed Burgesses the quieti sunt of the fee-farme, due from Michaellmas, in the xixth yere of the Kinges Majestie untill Michaellmas in the xxth yere of his Majestes reigne, &c.

At the same tyme the said quietus was delivered to Mr. Anthony Knight for his direccions to paye the fee-farme for his yere.

[p. 56.] 28° Octobr. 1623. Coram Roberto Maulthus, *Majore.*

The complaint of Ann Rakestrawe, the wief of John Rakestrawe of Bix, in com. Oxon.

Saith that on Fridaye was senight at night, vizt. 17° Octobr. she was robbed and lost all that she had by two men and one woman, the one a tall man and the other a very young man, affirminge that upon Thursday about xij or j of the clocke in the afternoone, the same tall man, the same young woman, with an

elder woman and ij young wenches, came to her house and had drinke and victualls, but went awaye and paid not for it; but the elder woman called this Examinate aside and told her they had noe money to paye for the vitualls, but willed her to accept of a ringe: (whiche being unwilling) did accept thereof rather then nothing and soe they then departed; and upon the Friday the next morning the same tall man, the young woman and the youth came agayne and prayed this Examinate to have more vitualls, for he had sould a dublett and had money; and thereuppon this Examinate gave them vittaulls to the value of v*d.*, whiche being paid for they departed; and that night about xij or j of the clocke the same tall man, and a young man and the young woman came agayne to this Examinate's house, and called to this Examinate's husband and her and said, he had fetcht money of Wallys of Henley and was come for the ringe that they had left there on Thursdaye; and thereupon this Examinate arose and lighted a candle and lett them into house; and then the tall man and the young woman, whome he said was his wief, came in first, and then after them a young man, and then they called for drinke and having drunke the drinke the tall man drewe his rapier and the young man seised uppon the old blynd man, and bound the old man and woman and her daughter, and said if they made any outcry they would kyll them all, and the young woman said they should not kyll them, and then they tooke and carryed awaye with them j red peticoate, j grene kirtell of cloth, j cloth wascote, iij smockes, ij holland apernes, ij blewe apernes, lynsey and woolsey, iij neckerchieffes, iij bandes, 5 paire of shooes, 5 paire of knytt hose, iij paire of sheetes, ij table clothes, j cashocke coate for a man, ij paire of breches, ij w^t^ wascotes, j black hatt, iiij coyffes, iij cresse clothes, j laced handkercheffe with tossells, xij peices of pewter, vizt. 4 great platters, 4 fruit dishes, j beker, j quart pott, j candlestick, j little platter, vj spoones, j girdle with a lether powche, and v*s.* ij*d.* in money, j bushell bagg of sackcloth and j canvas wallett.

And further she saith that the young woman (being nowe before Mr. Mayor) hath uppon her backe and hed, at this instante, the same black hatt, j crosse cloth, j band, j wascote, j red peticote, j aperne of linsey woolsey and j smocke.

Comytted to gaole.

Arther Frith of Fawley in com. Buckes, husbandman Ann Rakestrawe, uterque eorum recognovit se separatim debere domino Regi	40*li.* quod predicti Johannes Rackstrawe et Anna prosecuti erunt ad proximas assisas versus predictum William Hamshere et predictam Agnetem Grygorie.

[Signed] Arther Frythe.

[p. 57.] The confession of Agnes Grigorie.

She saith it is true that uppon Thursdaye was senight this Examinate in the company of her freind Hampsher Will and goodwife Hobbes, the mother of Mathew Hobbes, and ij girles did all drinke togither at the goodman Rakestrawe's, j myle or ij from Henley; and that the said goodwife Hobbes did leve her ring in pawne for their drinke and victualls, for they had noe money. And it is true that uppon Friday morning they, vizt. Hampshier Will, this Examinate and a youth came agayne to the same place and had vitualls as the Complainant saith; and it is alsoe true that in that night tyme the said Hamshier Will with another young man, whose name she knoweth not, and this Examinate did come to the said poor man's house, and called and said they had brought money and were come for the ring whiche they left there on Thursdaye. And saith, being lett in, it is true alsoe that the said Hampshiere Will and the said young man did bynd the said poore man and woman and her daughter, and did take and carrye awaye all those thinges whiche the poore woman saith she lost, and that they did threaten to kyll them if they did crye out or made any hue and cry after them. And further saith that they came awaye from thence to Reading that morning and brought all those goods to one Greene's house, a smyth, in Reading, and soold none of them ellswhere; they stayd not at Greene's, but left the goodes there and apoynted them to sell them. Sent to gaole.

And she saith alsoe that Will. Collett was in company with Hamshier Will and Thomas Johnson at Awfeild Crosse, &c.

[p. 58.][8] 30 Octobris, 1623. Coram Roberto Maulthus, *Majore.*

The confession of Johan Grene, the wief of Thomas Grene, of Readinge, smyth.

Beinge examined saith that a chapman and his wief using to the faires in this towne and cuntry have lodged in their house

[8] This page is crossed through in the MS.

once or twise, but their names she knoweth not. And upon Sonday was senight, vizt. 19 Octobris, there came two men and a woman to their house to drinke, the one a very tall man, the other a reasonable tall man, a little before service tyme, and they stayd there 3 howers and did eat and drinke, and awaye they went from thence she knoweth not whither; and upon Mondaye the next daye the tall man and the woman, and a bargeman of Henley came to their house agayne almost at night, and would have had drinke, but had none, and went presently into the towne, but to what house she knoweth not; and before that Sondaye she never sawe them before. Being demanded what goodes they brought to their house, she saith none into the house; but one of them had a bagg under his arme, but what is in it she knoweth not, but caryed it awaye with them. She sould noe goodes for them, nor for any other.

Postea, saith she had of the said William Hamshier certen peices of pewter, whiche she sould to Roger Walker, brasyer, for 4*s.* 8*d.* per constabul'.

The confession of Jane Fuse, servant to Thomas Greene, dwellinge there a yere nere past.

Saith that within 3 weekes past two men, the one a tall man and the other a myddle stature, with a woman, had byn at her master's house 3 tymes, and the second tyme whiche was about fortnight past they all 3 did stay and sitt uppe togither by the fyreside all night.

Att the first tyme they brought with them to her master's house one little bagg with some meale in it, sayeing they had lost other thinges by the waye; at that tyme nothing ells. Att the second tyme they brought with them a woman's gowne of grenishe colour, j blewe aperne, j sheete, and a bagg full of somthinge, nothing ells to her knowledge. Att the 3 tyme they all 3 did come upon a Saterdaye morninge, vizt. on Saterday was senight, about 7 of the clocke in the morning, and then they brought nothinge into her master's house, but they brought some thing to the next house, where her master setteth his bere, but what it was she knoweth not, and then they stayed not, and that night the two men came agayne and seeing the other company in the house said nothinge, but called her dame fourth of the house into the backside, and what they said she knoweth not, but afterwardes upon Mondaye

her dame brought in a newe sheete, sayeinge she bought it of the tall man, and she saith that at this last tyme her dame did take some money to theise men by the fire-side, but howe muche, or for what, she knoweth not. And saith her dame willed her not to confesse that she bought the sheete of the tall man.

[p. 59.] Eodem die, [30 Octobr. 1623.] Coram Roberto Maulthus, *Majore.*

Th' examynacion of Thomas Greene, smyth.

Saith that he doth keepe bere in his house for his customers and freindes, and that uppon Monday last was 3 weekes was the first tyme that ever he did see the tall man and the woman, and that night they lodged there at his house, and the tall man did saye he was borne at Basingstoke, and that his name was Hamshiere Will; and afterwardes when they had byn awaye 3 or 4 dayes they came agayne to his house in a morninge, and in their company another man in a white russett jerkyn, a blacke fellowe; and that night they all 3 stayd there, and satt by the fier, and at that tyme they had nuttes in their pockettes, and the woman brought flower in bagg, ij coarse apple-pyes, and nothing ells to his knowledge, and the next morninge they went awaye in the morninge betymes, altogither, vizt. Fridaye; and uppon Saturdaye was senight in the morninge about 8 of the clocke, vizt. the tall man and the woman came agayne, but not the other man, and they came not into the house at that tyme, but went awaye, and the tall man and the woman came agayn upon Sonday morning and stayed there and eat uppe all the meat that was provided for this Examinate's dynner.

He saith that his wief bought a sheete of the tall man, and himself bought 4 pound of old yron of that woman for 4*d.*, and the tall man gave this Examinate a newe paire of garters, colour redd, upon Sondaye, the last tyme he was there.

The first tyme they came William Collett came with them and drunke with the tall man in the shoppe, but Collett went awaye and left them there.

As touchinge pewter platters and other peices of pewter or any other goodes saith, he knewe not of any that they brought or that his wief sould. Havinge noe sureties, sent to gaole.

Roger Walker, brasyer, saith, that within this moneth he bought of Greene's wief certen peices of pewter, vizt. 3 small platters or pottingers, ij saltes, and paid for them v*s*.

Roger Walker cognovit se debere domino Regi x*li*. ad dandum evidentiam versus Thomam Greene.

[p. 60.] Mondaye, 9° die Novembris, 1623.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor*. Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, *absens*, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight, *absens*.

Mr. William Kendrick, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, John Blake, George Thorne, Anthony Brackston, John Bagley, Richard Burren.

At this daye it was agreed that a copye of the writinge concerninge Mr. Anthonye Blagrave's promise to procure a decree in the Chauncerye for the payment of the legacyes to Mr. Blagrave's children of Colesford before the residewe of Alexander Blagrave's children (not of age), shalbe sent to Mr. Clarke and Mr. S . . . ., prayeing them to see it be done substiancially to discharge this Company for ever, by the counsell of both.

At this daye the complaint of the poore Spynners and Carders was agayne heard, etc. The Overseers and Clothiers apoynted to provide and assigne them worke apeared and shewed their dilligence therein, yett the complaint for lacke of worke increaseth ; for a remedye is agreed to be thus, vizt. every Clothier according to his proportion of . . . shall weekly assigne and put to spynning in the towne his ordinarye and course wooffe wooll, and shall not send it into the country and if sufficient workers be in the towne to doe it.

At the request of the Clothiers this daye it was agreed that a certificate shalbe made of the decay of clothing and badnes of coloured-cloth sale, that the northerne cloth is shippt at all tymes at lesse customes; that there may be more merchantes; and to have the same liberty of shipping at all tymes and at the same charges and as free as the Northerne traders (?) doe.

Mr. Mayor had the peticion.

Memorandum. And that every merchant that dealeth in white cloth should be enjoyned for every ten white, one colord cloth, for every colord cloth setteth 4 times more.

At this daye John Benyvent was named and apoynted to have the roome and place that Willyam Hudson did hold of the guift of Mr. Deane in the hospitall, and the allowaunce of xij*d.* a weeke, &c.

[p. 61.] Fridaye, 14° Novembr. 1623.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

At this daye all the Clothiers of this Corporacion were agayne warned to attend to shewe causes of the decay of their trade, and whie they cannot sett the poore on worke as they have done, but suffer them to cry and complayne for lacke of worke.

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[p. 62.] Mondaye, 24° Novembr. 1623.

The examynacion of Suzan Dorey, the wief of Robert Dorey.

Whoe saith that uppon Michaellmas daye, being Mondaye, her husband was at Basingstoke fayre and that uppon Sonday he went from Reding to Shinfeild and playd at a man's house, whose name she knoweth not, in Shinfeild untill night, and there she left him, and he told her that he did purpose to goe to Basingstoke fayre the morowe morning.

Th' examynacion of Robert Dorey.

Saith that he went fourth of Reding upon Michaellmas even, being Sondaye, to Shinfeild to the house of one Lambe, and being a milking feast (?) there played all that daye, being hired by ij maydes of Shinfeild, vizt. one was Lambe's mayde and the other is named [*blank*], and there played untill about xij of the clocke in the night, and then he went alone towardes Basingstoke faire, and as he went he stayd and playd at Mr. William Stevens' house in Stratfeildsea before daye, and at that tyme he played half an hower or thereaboutes, and Mr. Stevens gave him but j*d.*, but would

have geven him ij*d.* if he could have changed his money, and in that tyme he sawe noebody, but one man of the house and ij maides whiche came fourth to goe to milking.

He did not see, nor heare of any childe that was layd at William Stevens' house untill Fridaye after, and then returninge from Basingstoke with his wief they came by Stratfeildsea, and then in the Churchyard he did see a grave for a childe, and the Coroner and th'inquest were in the Church, and then did here the circumstances of that matter, but cann say nothing or knoweth not anything of the childe's being brought thither.

[8] Be it knowne unto all men by thes presentes that I, John Brystow of Reding, in the county of Berx, loder, doe acknoleg myself to owe and to be indeted unto William Hyde of Reding, in the county aforsayd, dyer, the some of xxx*s.* of good and lawfull mony of England, to be payd unto the sayd Willyam Hyde upon the ij of November next insuing the date hereof; and for the sure payment herof I doe bind me, myne heares, executors, admynystrators and assygnes thys bylle made the viij of October 1621, and have set my hand the day above writine.

By me, John Bristow.

[p. 63.] 5° die Decembris, 1623.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Clerke, Steward, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye Mr. Anthony Blagrave, the . . . . in his owne persone made a third request to have 25 *li.* paid to one of his sister Edmondes daughter, beinge marryed, although the residue of Alexander Blagrave's children be not of age and paid; and for aunswere the Company resolved and then agreed that Mr. Blagrave should first procure a catalogue of the names and ages of Mr. Alexander Blagrave's children, Mr. Anthony Tibb, Mr. Oliver Blagrave's chil-

[8] *Be it — Bristow*, on papers pinned to this page.

dren, M^ris^ Coxed's children and M^ris^ Edmondes children, and then this Company fynding M^ris^ Edmondes daughter to be first capable it shalbe paid, soe as noe other had due to it before her.

At this daye Mr. Anthony Knight brought into this place the former quietus for the fee farme, due in the yere Mr. Thomas Turnor was Mayor; and the quietus for the fee farme due for the yere in whiche Mr. Anthony Knight was Mayor, and they both are in chest.

[p. 64.] Mondaye, 8° die Decembris, 1623, et 21° regni regis Jacobi.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor*. Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

At this day the Hall accomptes were made for the yere Mr. Anthony Knight was Mayor, vizt. from Michaellmas, 1622, untill Michaellmas, 1623.

				li.	*s.*	*d.*
The charge was recyved				206	13	0
Ordinary charges this yere	123	6	0			
Extraordinary charges	071	0	6			
				194	6	6
Soe rest in hand recyved				12	6	6
Arrearages of rentes				20	15	0
Debt by the house correccion				24	9	6
In all				57	11	0

And the Hall oweth for money borrowed, 50*li.*

Richard Carter oweth for rent 40*s.* and promiseth on Wensdaye next to paye or geve security.

Henry Symons in like manner.

Wydowe Sloman hath promised x*li.* to the Cofferer.

At this daye it was agreed that Mr. Mayor shall have all his charges borne and paid concerninge his travell to the Lordes about the poore, &c. vizt. iij*li.* xiiij*s.* j*d.*

At this daye th'accomptes of the colleccion for the skavinger and the amerciamentes of the Clarke of the Markett for the last yere were made and taken before the Mayor and Magistrates, vizt.

Of the remayne of the taxe for the skavinger .	iiij*li.*	v*s.*	ix*d.*
Of the amerciamentes of the Clarke of the Markett	viij*li.*	x*s.*	
Whereof was paid to the Sergeant for collectinge		xxxix*s.*	
Allowed Mr. Mayor that was Mr. Knight for charges to Salisbury	iij*li.*	xviij*s.*	
To the aletasters		x*s.*	
To the writer		ij*s.*	
To Richard Pettye . . .	iiij*li.*	x*s.*	
Of whiche resteth iiij*li.*			
Of the Clarke of the Markette	ix*li.*	iij*s.*	v*d.*
And for apprentices fremen lvj*s.* viij*d.*			
The rest whereof to Richard Burren . .	iiij*li.*	x*s.*	
. . . to	iiij*li.*	x*s.*	

Rest 30*s.*

[p. 65.] 9° Decembr. 1623.

Memorandum, the Lady Gardener's house at Earley was robbd about the 21 of October, 1623. The persons suspected are theise, vizt. Mathewe Hobbs, a pedler, Lawe, Whitinge, a gardener, sometymes liveing in Marleye; what goodes sould or pledged synce Michaellmas last.

The examynacion of Jane Monck, the wief of Robert Monck.

She saith she knoweth not Mathewe Hobbes; she knoweth not Whitinge, she knoweth not Lawe, &c., nor never did; she sould nor pawnd noe goodes of any man's synce Michellmas but her owne, vizt., a kirtle and peticote to Robert Baldyn, whoe hath it at this hower; she hath not sold or pawnd any manner of goodes in Castle Streete nor ellswhere synce Michaellmas last, nor in theise 4 yeres.

9° Decembr. 1623. Memorandum, if Mr. Jenyns had but iij*li.* of his debt then there is due to the skavinger x*li.* iij*s.* iiij*d.* besides this quarter due at Christmas nexte per William Wylmer.

For Mr. Hamblen's guift.

John Davys
Blynd Simple
Old Collyns
Ellys Hudson
Old Harrison
Symon Foord
} named by Edward Hamblen.

[p. 66.] Mondaye, the 15th of December, 1623, et 27° regni regis Jacobi.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor*. Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christopher Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

At this daye alsoe, vizt. 19° Decembr. it was informed that v*li.*, parcell of John Johnson's guift, formerly lent to Edward Taylor with Samuell Rowse an apprentice, is due to be repaid at St. Thomas' daye next.

And then it was agreed that the same v*li.* shalbe lent to Thomas Smeeth, broadwever, with one [*blank*] Plant, one of the children of James Plant, to be his apprentice 12 yeres, and fynding sufficient security to repaye the v*li.* at th'end or death of the apprentice to the liking of this Company.

Quarter daye, Fridaye, 19° die Decembris, 1623, annoque regni regis Jacobi, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor*. Mr. Edward Clerke, *Steward*, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, Willyam Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arthur Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye the iiij*li.* of the guift of Mr. Edward Kemishe was distributed to 24 poore housholders, vizt.

8 in St. Lawrence parishe
8 in St. Mary parishe } there names are upon the file.
8 in St. Giles parishe

Alsoe this daye iiij*li.* of the guift of Mr. Edward Hamblen was distributed to ten poore inhabitantes, vizt.

And the ten shirtes and smockes were then alsoe distributed to ten poore people, vizt.

4 in St. Lawrence parishe,
3 in St. Marye parishe,
3 in St. Giles parishe,

and the other vj were delivered to the Churchwardens of Frilsham, as Mr. Pocockes will directeth, per Cofferarios.

At this daye it was agreed that Mr. Walter Bye shall hold the 50*li.* for 3 yeres uppon the same security, alwayes provided that Mr. Walter Bye shalbe bound (if either of his suretyes dye) to bringe in another in the roome of him soe dyeing to the good liking of all the Company, and alsoe to paye in the money if it be required uppon 3 monethes warninge.

At this daye it was consented and agreed by all that a warrant shalbe made to levye the penalties and forfeytures arising upon the breache of the orders established.

Agreed, that out of the charitable uses against this tyme,

20*s.* to St. Lawrence parishe
20*s.* to St. Gyles poore } for the poore.
15*s.* to St. Maryes

10*s.* to relieve Greene's wief and children.

Memorandum, to make a lettre of attorney to demaund John Rumsey's rent when it shalbe due at Lady daye.

A lease to wydowe Sloman of her dwellinge house for xxj yeres, at 13*s.* 4*d.* rent per annum; and keeping reparacions and bylding a brick chimney within 3 yeres, and not to lett or sett and she shall first paye but 13*s.* 4*d.* for arreares.

Lease to Symon Huddle of his house in the west end of Fryer Streete, to hold for 99 yeres, if he, Alice his wief and Thomas Allen, jun., sone of Thomas Allen, of Helinge . . . ., or any of them live soe longe.

. . . . . yerely rent 53*s.* 4*d.*

[Lapsus, *in margin.*]

and 26*s.* 8*d.* for herryott at every death. Provisoe not to lett, sett or alyen without licens, or if the rent or heryott shalbe unpaid, a reentrye; and to pull downe the flewe before th'ensealling of the lease.

[p. 68.] Mondaye, 22° die Decembr. 1623.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor*, yea. Mr. Thomas Turnor, *yea*, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *yea*, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, *yea*, Mr. Anthony Knight.

William Brackston, John Dewell.

At this daye it was agreed as touchinge the skavinger, as followeth, vizt. that Richard Jones shalbe skavinger; vizt. he shall sweepe, ridd and carry awaye weekly all the soile arisinge weekly in and about the Markett place, vizt. from the Sun dore till the Streete to the Bucher rewe end, at Mr. Dewell's dore and Thomas Thackham's dore; from thence all the Streetes and Market places unto the Walke; from and by all the Walke unto the Counter dore; from thence in and by all the Markett place and Streetes downe the Shoomaker rewe unto th'end of the Markett by the Taylors' wall; he shall also cleanse, ridd and carrye awaye all the soile arisinge in and at the gates in the towne usually clensed by and at the charges of the towne; and for his labour he shall have yerely paid by the Cofferer x*li.* viij*s.*

Yt was agreed that the Aletasters shall have x*s.*; lent per W.W.

At this daye Mr. Clerke requested to be restored to his fees according to the Lordes lettres, and by the major voices present, vizt. 5 of the Magistrates, it was agreed he shalbe restored to his fees accordingly.

At this daye it was alsoe agreed that Mr. Steward shall from hencefourth yerely, uppon the Lawe daye holden for this boroughe, bringe in and delyver to the old Mayor a role in parchment of all his busynes under his hand for the yere then past, at the Lawe daye next Michaellmas yerely.

And at this daye alsoe it was questioned that Mr. Thomas Taylor and Mr. Theophilus Taylor should be restored to their former allowances or fees heretofore paid them; and it was then agreed by the major voices present that they shalbe both restored, &c.

[p. 69.] 2° die Januarii, 1623.

[Sessiones Pacis, *in margin.*] It is complayned that Johan Farowe, singlewoman, is with childe, begotten by Thomas Clifford, a sauyer, and confessed by him that he had . . . copulacion with her.

Thomas Clifford cognovit se debere domino Regi xx*li.* Johannes Remnaunt et Johannes Clifford m' separatim in x*li.* } quod ipse compareat ad prox. Sessiones Pacis post festum Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste proximum.

Signa eorum +, Z, +.

2° Januarii, 1623.

[Sessiones Pacis, *in margin.*] Robert Ramsey, a farryer, being a stranger lodgeing at the Katherine Wheele, was warned by Mr. Mayor to be gone and departe the towne at or before xijth of this moneth of January: gone.

5° die Januarii, 1623. Coram Robert Maulthus, *Majore.*

Then Richard Grenwood of Readinge, husbandman, said that his sister Frauncis came to his house great with child uppon Thursdaye last was fortnight, and there hath lodged ever synce.

Then alsoe John Norton, a boatman, said that one Elizabeth, the sister of S^r^. Richard Blounte's cooke, came to his house to dwell on Wensdaye last was thre weekes, and that she is great with childe and hath byn there ever synce.

[p. 70.] Mondaye, 12° Januarii, 1623.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, *absens*, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. Willyam Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Secondary Burgesses.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye it was informed that the Cawsey and highwaye leading to Caversham bridge are in decaye and not passable.

It was agreed that the Cofferers shall fourthwith repayre and amend the stone bridge and bridges in what is needfull; and as touchinge the Cawsey and highwayes there the parishe surveyors shall doe what is needfull.

At this daye Edward Baker and other fremen, tanners, complayned and shewed that straungers doe use to sell leather in the markett on markett dayes to the great hurt of the fremen of the towne; and that they use to buy hides in the weeke dayes contrary to the governement of the towne, &c.; informacion shalbe had of what may be done in the towne.

At this daye the Sheriffes warrant for electinge two Burgesses for the Parliament to be holden at Westminster 12° Februarii proxim' was openly read to the Company present.

At this daye alsoe a lettre from the Lord Wallingford was opened and read to the Company present, sheweing my Lordes request for nomynacion of one of the Burgesses and both if it may be, &c.

At this daye the Sealers of leather were warned that from hencefourth they shall not seale any forreyne leather bought and sould in the cuntry and brought into the towne, but onely uppon the fayre dayes.

William Sedbury and John Myles, sealors for the towne.

[p. 71.] 19° die Januarii, anno Domini 1623 ac 21° regni regis Jacobi, Anglie, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor*. Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, Willyam Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye the Sheriffes warrant for electinge two Burgesses to be of the Parliament was the second tyme openly read to the Company present.

And at this daye a lettre from the Lord Wallingford concerninge the Burgesses of the Parliament was agayne this daye openly read.

At this daye alsoe a second lettre of the Lord Wallingfordes was read, wherein Sr. Frauncis Knollys is nomynated to be for that place, and request that Sr. Robert Knollys might have the other place, &c., pro ut, etc.

At this daye alsoe the said Mayor and Burgesses accordinge to their said warrant did nomynate and sett in election to have two Burgesses for the Parliament, &c., and did then choose two, &c.

Sr. Frauncis Knollys, jun. IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII [21].
Sr. Robert Knollys. IIIIIIIII [9].
Sr. Richard Lydall.
John Saunders, Esqr. IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII [16].

Seeinge the said Mayor and Burgesses have nomynated and choosen me to be one of their Burgesses for the next Parlyament, I doe hereby promise and agree to beare myne owne chardges in that service and that the said Mayor and Burgesses shall stand clere and be acquited of and from the payment of any wages, fees or dutyes payable to or for me in that behaulf.

At this daye it was agreed that all the fynes, forfeytures and penalties growen due by the breache of any the ordynaunces and orders by any th'inhabitantes of this Corporacion shalbe levyed accordinge to the direccions of the orders, &c.

[p. 72.] Fridaye, 23° Januarii, 1623.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor*. Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Priscilla Islippe to Frilsham where she last dwelt.

At this daye it was resolved and agreed that all those whiche keepe stalles and sell made-wares, vizt. strangers, turners and basketmakers, and all suche handicraftes men shewen in the markett shalbe forbidden to shewe or sell any their wares upon the markett dayes in this Corporacion.

Henry Kitson was forbidden in the Hall.

At this daye a lettre from Mr. John Curtys in the behaulfe his sonne to be admytted an Attorney in this Court, and it was then

agreed and by all resolved that if he will come and dwell in towne he shalbe admytted.

p. 73. [23° Januarii, 1623. Ad Assisas, *in margin.*]
Richardus Pettye cognovit se debere domino Regi in xx*li.* } ad prosequen. ad prox. assisas versus Edwardum Saunders arrest. super warrant. domini Jac. Ley, Capitalis Justic., etc.

[Signed] Richard Petty.

Virtute warrant. del domini Capital'. Justic'.

Edwardus Saunders cognovit se debere xl*li.* domino Regi, etc.

Johannes Castle de Reading, yeoman
Nicholas Noble de Reading, yeoman } manuceperunt pro ipsis separatim sub pena xx*li.* quod ipse Edwardus compareat ad proximas assisas tentas in Berkes ad respondendum ad omnia.

[Signed] Edward Saunders, John Castell, Nicholas Nobell.

[p. 72.] 26° die Januarii, 1623.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christopher Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, *absent,* Mr. Anthony Knight.

At this daye the fremen Coblers complayned that divers strangers are come in towne and use the trade of a Cobler to the hurt and damage of the fremen Coblers.

Luke Butler at James Greene's in London streete . . . . about a yere and above confest beinge not a freman; warned to be gone by this day senight. Confest by James Greene.

John Roe useth coblinge at [*blank*]; saith he was borne in towne and apprentice to Andrew Kenton and served him vj yeres and then he put him awaye.

Widowe Glasse saith she, vizt. Marye Cooke the wief of John Cooke stranger, hath byn a quarter of a yere in her house alloweing her meate and drinke to drawe bere, but not any wages. The widowe Glasse willed to keepe good rule hencefourth.

Marye Cooke saith she payeth noe rent but draweth her beere by the barrell and goodwief Glasse fyndeth her meate and drinke; warned to be gone by Thursdaye noone next ensuinge.

Steven Foord of Newbery, the aperne woman's husband, exhibited a lettre from the Lord of Wallingford for his sellerman to shewe and sell aperninge in towne, in Mr. Mayor's handes, &c. And thereupon tollerated to doe as formerly she had done, payeing yerely x*s.* to the Hall, &c.

[p. 74.] Mondaye, 9° die Februarii, 1623, 27° regni regis Jacobi.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor.* postea 11° Febr.

Mr. Thomas Turnor	Mr. Christofer Turnor
Mr. Nicholas Gunter	Mr. William Iremonger
Mr. William Maulthus	Mr. Walter Bateman
Mr. Roger Knight	Mr. Anthony Knight, *lic.*

Nihil.

Richard Swayne confessed that Frauncis Bold hath taken a parte of his house ever synce Michaellmas.

Frauncis Bold promised to departe within a fewe dayes.

Ralfe Bold a forreyner useth the trade of a clothworker in Reading.

William Welman a stranger dwelleth in a house of Walter Watlington a moneth or thereaboutes past; warned to rid his wief and children.

Wensdaye, xj° die Febr. 1623.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman.

Recognizaunces taken by vertue of the K. Majesties proclamacion concerning Lent, &c.

George Man, inholder	x*li.*	Humfrey Parker	x*li.*
Thomas Wickyns, Francis Michell	manuceperunt separatim v*li.*	William Marshall, Francis Michell	v*li.*
		William Marshall	x*li.*
Thomas Wickyns	x*li.*	Humfrey Parker, Francis Michell	v*li.*
George Man, Francis Michell	manuc' v*li.*		
Francis Michell	x*li.*	Henry Samon, vintner	x*li.*
George Man, Thomas Wickyns	v*li.*	Richard Johnson, Richard Pettye	v*li.*

Johannes Backhouse xli.
Thomas Smeeth } vli.
James Hulberd

Mr. Thomas Forster xli.
Jerome Pococke }
Luke Forster

Johannes Bennett xli.
Avery Clayton } vli.
Henry Clarke

Simon Huddle xli.
John Berford } vli.
John Bennett

Thomas Stevens xli.
Ellys Knight } vli.
Richard Petty

James Hulberd xli.
Richard Emmerton (?) } vli.
John Backhouse

George Duell xli.
Thomas Cl . . . }
. . . les Clynton

[p. 75.] Thomas Illesley xli.
Clement Clacke } vli.
Daniell Fletcher

Willelmus Smyth xli.
John Lyttle } vli.
Daniell Fletcher

Timothie Fundye xli.
William Smyth } vli.
Richard Pettye

Luke Forster xli.
Richard Sone } vli.
Richard Pettye

Butchers.

Richard Shawe xli.
Richard Cranedge } vli.
John Jones

Richard Cranedge xli.
Richard Shawe
John Jones

John Jones xli.
Richard Shawe } vli.
Richard Cranedge

John Porter xli.
Jones Jones } vli.
Richard Cranedge

Wydowe Glasse was warned to forbeare vitlinge strangers.

Widowe Godderd, a stranger, warned to departe within fortnight at Widowe Wickes house.

Edward Stevens, a stranger, was convented, and by all the magistrates present thought fitt to dwell in towne.

Eliz. Banester, a stranger at Edward Hardinges, hath byn there from a moneth before Christmas last; warned to be gone within fortnight next.

Rowland Preston, a stranger, lodged at Robert Stretes a yere past.

[p. 73.] Saturdaye, 14° Februarii, 1623. Coram Roberto Maulthus, *Majore.*

Willyam Sedbury and John Myles, two of the searchers and sealers of leather for the boroughe, had seised iij hides of leather of Richard Boles of Mortymer brought to Reding markett to be sould.

Mr. Edward Gunter
Thomas Barber
Thomas Edwyn
Thomas Illesley
Richard Merrifeild
Thomas Pynnocke
} jurati, triers.

Uppon their oathes they have examyned and tryed all the said three hides and they doe fynd that a part of every one of the said three hides is insufficiently tanned and [not] fitt to be sold.

The peices found insufficient and not thoroughly tanned were valued by the said tryers after it was by their direccion cutt, v*s.*; 7 small peices, 3 of them bigger and 4 lesser.

To the seisors xx*d.*

To the tryers out of the Corporacion due, xij*d.* and to P. 8*d.*

To the poore of the parishe xx*d.*

[p. 75.] 16° Febr. 1623. [Contin^{n}. of the Recognisances.]

Thomas Towne	x*li.*	Daniel Clere	x*li.*
Robert Wickyns Willelmus White	v*li.*	George Nethercott Walter Binley	v*li.*
Henry Frewyn	x*li.*	John Arther	x*li.*
Clement Clacke Richard Petty	v*li.*	Edward King Richard Petty	
Thomas Hatton	x*li.*	Isak Wracke	x*li.*
Richard Petty Clement Clacke	v*li.*	Henry Moore Ed. Hacker	
Christofer Kenton	x*li.*	Walter Bailey Andrew Mace Richard Sone Christofer Tovey	
William Hill Valentyne Skete	v*li.*		
William Hill	x*li.*	Johannes Greene	x*li.*
Christofer Kenton Valentyne Skete	v*li.*	George Nethercott Walter Bailey	v*li.*

Recognisances (*continued*).

Richard Wytton x*li.*

Edward Syms
Nicholas Noble } v*li.*

Edward Symes x*li.*

Richard Wytton
Nicholas Noble } v*li.*

Willelmus Sone
John Creed
William Cranedge } pro Willelmo Everd (?)

Richard Bennett x*li.*
John Johnson
George Chamberlyn

Johannes Johnson x*li.*
Richard Bennett
George Chamberlyn

George Chamberlyn x*li.*
John Bennett
Richard Bennett

Henry Moore x*li.*
Izaak Wracke
Edward Hacker

Willelmus Sone x*li.*

Johannes Creed
Willelmus Cranedge } v*li.*

Johannes Creed x*li.*

Willelmus Sone
Willelmus Cranedge } v*li.*

Willelmus Cranedge
Willelmus Sone
Johannes Creed } v*li.*

Edward Brackston x*li.*

Johannes Smyth
Henry Walker } v*li.*

Edward Creed x*li.*
Robert Jaques
Henry Creed

Robert Jaques x*li.*
Edward Creed
Henry Creed

Henry Creed x*li.*
Edward Creed
Robert Jaques

Ricardus Collyns jun. x*li.*
Nicholas Ashmore 12*d.*
Ricardus Petty

Ricardus Bagley x*li.* xij*d.*
Michaell Hamblen
Nicholas Larkham

Michaell Hamblen x*li.*
Ricardus Bagley
Nicholas Larkham

Nicholas Larkham x*li.*
Ricardus Bagley
Michaell Hamblen

Izak Treherne x*li.*
Jacobus Arnold
Richard Petty

John Mapleton x*li.*
William Kinge (?)
Richard Pettye

Thomas Hill, jun. v*li.*
Thomas Wheler v[*li.*]
Richard Pettye v*li.* } pro Thoma Wayte.

Willelmus Hulbert x*li.*
Francis Browne
Thomas Marquicke

Francis Browne x*li.*
William Hulbert
Thomas Marquicke.

[p. 76.] 17° die Febr. 1623. Coram Roberto Maulthus, *Majore*, etc.

Woodsteallers and toppers of trees accused.

Thomas Hill, jun., confessed that he had fetcht but ij greene stickes.

Henry Barfoote.

John Younge potter that maryed Greenes daughter.

Chr. Bulley.

Cherrey.

Justinian.

Richard Tewe.

Wayte, jun.

Cisley Dolman.

Dolman, jun.

Tho. Clifford.

Wadley, vid.

Buyers of stollen wood.

George Whithart.

18° die Febr. 1623. Coram Roberto Maulthus, gen. *Majore*. Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. William Iremonger.

[p. 77.] [Quarter daye, *in margin*.] Fridaye, 20 die Februarii, 1623, ac 21° regni regis Jacobi.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor*. Mr. Edward Clerke, *Steward*, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, *egrotatus*, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, Willyam Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Goddard, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arthur Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jennyns.

Memorandum, that the Towne armour shalbe sould and newe bought in the place.

As touchinge the musicions it is agreed that they shall hold the former order.

[p. 78.] 21° die Februarii, 1623. Coram Roberto Maulthus, *Majore*, etc.

The examinacion of Thomas Skynner of Readinge, clotheran.

Saith that on the 18th of January last, being Sonday, about x of the clocke in the fore noone, there came two men to his howse, the one called Robert, a blacke shag-hared and spare fellowe, the other called Roger, a browne flexen-hare and a pale fellowe, both of middle age, and saith, that they both did affirme they came from London and wer bound to Bristowe, with a purpose to returne about 6 dayes after, and that they stayed at his house till 2 of the clocke in the afternoone of the day followeinge, and that either of them did weare a blewish and russett frize jerkins, and spent there tyme there in drinkinge and takinge of tobacco, soe as theire dyett and drinke came to 15*s.*, whereof they[9] paid in money 6*s.* and for ye residue they pawned to this Examinate's wief in the absence of ye said Examinate one dyall, j redd velvett girdle, embroadred with gold, one dudgeon hart with 2 knives and a dagger engravened, bodkin and gold ringes (?).

[Ad Assisas, *in margin.*] Elizabeth confesseth in the absens of her husband she receaved of the men above-named the goodes above specifyed as a pawne for payment of the ix*s.* due to her at their next returne.

Hugo Noyes of Frilsham in com. Berkes
John Minshewe of Hampsted Norris } yeomen.

Cognoverunt se debere domino Regi separatim sub pena x*li.* quod ipsi compareant ad proximas assisas Berkes ad prosequendum aut ad dandum evidenciam.

Thomas Skynner cognovit se debere domino Regi xl*li.*
Valentine Skeate } manuc' separatim
Robert Skeat } sub pena xx*li.*
} quod ipse et Elizabeth uxor ejus compar. ad proxim. assiz. tentas Berkes et ad respond. ad omnia que obtinerent.

[Signed with marks] Hughe Noyes X
John Minshew, Thomas Skynner +
Valentine Skeate V Robert Skeate.

[9] y^e, MS.

[p. 79.] Omnes recogniciones, examinaciones et informaciones prescripte certificate fuerunt ad Assisas ultimas tentas apud Abingdon 26° Februarii, 1623, et 6 prisonarii comissi per Majorem ad gaolam suspensi fuerunt ad illas Assisas.

2° die Martii, 1623. Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor.*

Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. William Iremonger.

At this day the freemen Coblers complayned that John Bartholmewe hath enterteyned and harbored one Thomas Kenton, a forreyner, a fortnighte against the orders of the towne, at iij*d.* a weeke.

And that the said Thomas Kenton keepeth a shoppe and worketh as a Cobler freman, and hath soe done ever synce Christmas last: forbidden.

Richard Glover saith he hath harbored and housed Luke Butler ever synce Newe Yeres day last at iij*d.* a weeke.

Quarto die Martii, 1623. Coram Roberto Maulthus, *Majore.*

At this daye Thomas Rampton of Odyam in com. Southampton, shovelmaker, cominge before me did acknowledge that the last night he was drunk and for that fault did paye to the releife of the poore of St. Lawrence parishe, did paye the penaltie therefore inflicted by the statute, vizt. iij*s.* in money. Richard Johnson, jun., gave his word for one xij*d.* and Mr. Richard Smith gave his woord for th'other xij*d.*, but in truth Richard Johnson received but iij*s.*

The cause why he said he was drunke was that he, sellinge showles to Richard Johnson, th'elder, the last night had forgotten what money he paid him and, fyndinge himself discontented aboute the reckoninge, did therefore complayne and then acknowledge that he was drunke, in that he did mistake his reckoninge.

[p. 80.] Mondaye, 8° die Martii, 1623, 21° regni regis Jacobi.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *absent*, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, *absent*, Mr. Anthony Knight.

At this daye it was agreed that Mr. Thomas Turnor shall have his charges borne to goe and attend the Burgesses of the Parliament, hopinge to attayne a free trade.

Willyam Wylmer, in recompence of his paynes, shall have xx*li.* yerely paid him

by the Cofferer of the Hall	xvj*li.*	quarterly.
by Charitable uses	iiij*li.*	
by the House of Correccion	xl*s.*	

At this daye alsoe it was agreed that the mace shalbe newe made fourthwith and it shalbe wholly gilded at the charges of the Hall.

The fremen Taylours complayn against strangers workinge in towne.

Willyam Hersey confesseth that Phillip Hodges the taylor hath haulf every weeke synce mydsomer lodged at his house and paid a groate a weeke for his lodgeinge.

Wensdaye, 10 die Martii, 1623.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnor.

William Brackston, Arthur Curtys, John Bagley.

At this daye the great chest was opened and the little chest unlockd, and the deedes and quietus taken out, seene and perused and many of them lockt uppe in chest agayne, as by the note of remembraunce thereof in the little chest apereth.

Mondaye, 15° die Martii, 1623.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Robert Bent, William Brackston, William Dewell.

[p. 81.] At this daye Mr. Oliver Blagrave made request in the behaulf of his sister Mary Whistler that a daughter of hers is maryed and desireth her legacye geven her by Mr. John Blagrave: Anne, maryed by one [*blank*] Tickney.

17° Martii, 1623.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Edward Clarke, Steward, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Thomas Turnor.

At this daye John Buckner uppon my Lordes lettres was admytted and sworne one of th'attorneys of the Court of and for this boroughe, &c.

Mondaye, 22° die Martii, 1623.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor*. Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Walter Bateman.

At this daye the Musicions complayned, vizt. :—

James Shiler
Phillip Shiler
John Jerrard
} against James Belgrove for keepinge ij boyes and using his quality in towne.

James Belgrove saith that his share amongest them will not keepe him and his children.

Agreed in this manner, vizt., James Belgrove shall hencefourth have as good a share with and amongest them, for himself and his boy, as any of them shall have, keepinge company with them and putting awaye one of his boyes.

James Shiler and his boy
Phillip Shiler and his boy
John Jarrard and his boy
James Belgrove and his boy
William Costyn
Richard Burren
} Every of them shall have equal share of all gaynes, and hence and abroad.
And the iiijor masters first named shall yerely paye to William Costyn over and above his share 26*s*. 8*d*.

[Signed] James P Shiler, + James Belgrove,
Phillip ſ Shiler, John Gerrard.

[p. 82.] Wensdaye, 24° die Martii, 1623.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor*. Mr. Edward Clerke, Scenescall.

Francis Blinkasseppe, late workinge in the Lord Duke's garden, came from London, Thursday was senight, and from thence to Dorking; came the last night to the White Hart in Readinge and there played with a townsman untill a dussen and a half of bere was in before supper; with a townsman, Luke Jenever, after supper; the ost and he began to playe for a jugg of beere and soe untill ij dussen of bere was filled, whiche this Examinate lost; and after that his ost and he played for money and this Examinate lost

15 or 16*s.* to his ost; and then he borrowed money upon tobacco, vizt. 8*s.*, and lost that.

Edward Drewrye, of Smythfeild, coachmaker.

Thomas Skynner.

[p. 83.] Goodfridaye, 26° Martii, 1624, 22° regni regis Jacobi.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arthur Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye eleccion was of the three maydes to the lott, vizt.

In St. Maryes parishe, Dorothie Thorne, 3° . . 11.

In St. Lawrence parishe, Agnes Hiscooke, 3° temp., she woone the 6*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.* by lott . . . . . 14.

In St. Giles' parishe, Dorothie Baker, 1° . . 7.

At this daye alsoe Joseph Blagrave paid in the x*li.* in a leather purse accordinge to his uncle's will; and then by direccions of the will it was distributed as followeth, vizt.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
To the poore maidservant, by lott . . .	6	13	4
To 60 poore weomen in St. Lawrence parishe .	1	00	00
To 60 poore weomen in St. Maryes parishe .	1	00	00
To 24 poore weomen in St. Giles' parishe . .	0	6	0
To the Preacher at St. Lawrence churche . .	0	10	0
To the Sexton at St. Lawrence churche . .	0	3	4
To the Clarke at St. Lawrence churche . .	0	3	4
To the Junior Churchwarden of St. Laurence .	0	3	4
			8
	10	00	00

At this daye alsoe Alexander Blagrave paid xx*s.* accordinge to his lease, whiche was expended, vizt.

	s.	*d.*
In bread and wyne at that tyme . . .	10	4
To the Clarke for keepinge the remb'. . .	4	8
To Mr. Steward at his tyme . . .	5	0
	1 0	0

At this daye Mr. Anthony Blagrave requested that his kinswoman dwellinge in Canterburye should be paid her legacy of 25*li.*, whiche was paid, and then promise was made by him to procure a decree for payment of all; pro ut, etc. in the next terme.

At this daye alsoe by dirreccions of William Legge's will 4*li.* was destributed to 24 poore people of the towne, vizt. 8 in eache parishe, 3*s.* 4*d.* a peice; vide le file.

At this daye alsoe accordinge to widowe Worsley's will 3*li.* was distributed to lx. poore wydowes of the towne, 12*d.* a peice; their names are upon the file, vizt.

In St. Giles' parishe	24	60.
In St. Lawrence parishe	24	
In St. Maryes parishe	12	

There names be upon the file for Good Fridaye (if default be not in the Overseers, whoe paid them the money).

[p. 84.] Fridaye, 2° die Aprilis, 1624, et 22° regni regis Jacobi.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. Willyam Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

At this daye the bakers, vizt. William Hill, Abram Paise, Alexander Pither, complayne against bakers not fremen, vizt.

Izaak Wracke useth the trade his wief did use when he marryed.

Michaell Ebson saith he was apprentice in towne and having noe worke doth a little to gett bread.

James Arnold will surceasse.

Izaak Yorke saith he doth a little by reason of his necessitye.

John Aldworth *non comparuit.*

John Knight saith, if he offend he will surceasse.

Wydowe Bradburye alwayes hath used to bake.

Henry Plommer servant to John Wigg.

William Towersey *non comparuit.*

Straungers.

At this daye William Porter, th'elder, was questioned for harboringe a straunger, woman, and a childe, vizt. the wief of John Taplyn; he worketh at Mr. Ed. Blagrave's in Earley: confesseth. The woman

saith she hath byn there ever syns Michaellmas last, and payd rent to goodman Porter, xx*s.* a yeare; her kinsman Faringdon did take the house for them.

William Porter was required to paye x*s.* a weeke accordinge to the orders and was willed to ridd his tenaunt with all speed upon peyne of x*s.* a weeke, and to provide suretyes to discharge the towne of the childe.

Thomas Elkyns with his wief and one child hath byn in Readinge vj weekes past and is to paye 26*s.* 8*d.* rent to olde goodman Carpenter, vizt. 3 weekes with Edmond Carpenter, and 3 weekes with his brother, William Elkyns.

Edmond Carpenter warned to ridd him within 4 dayes next, at his perill.

Jenkyns saith Robert Cowdrey payeth him a groate a weeke for his lodgeinge and hath at tymes byn a quarter of a yere at his house: warned to ridd him fourthwith.

Richard Swayne saith that he hath warned him awaye.

Frauncis Bold entreateth he may be tollerated upon security.

Memorandum, agreed that Richard Swayne shall paye the penaltie for 4 weekes past before Lady daye last.

[p. 85.] Mondaye, 12° die Aprilis, 1624.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Mr. Gunter's motion to have the benefitt of the water 80 yeares in all the streetes of the towne; the first xx yeres, xx*s.* per annum; the 2^{d} xx yeres, xl*s.* per annum; the 3^{d} xx yeres, vj*li.* per annum; the last xx yeres, x*li.* per annum. He shalbe enjoyned to bringe the water from the Cunditt close unto St. Lawrence churche corner, throughe the streetes uppe the Bucher rewe and unto the Cage.

At this daye Henry Spier made request to have the sole keepinge of the Sheepe markett and sheepe pens at the upper end of Broad streete on the south side thereof, at xx*s.* rent per annum.

It was agreed that hencefourth the sheepe markett shalbe kept on the south side of Broad streete beyond Mr. Clarke's house.

And that Henry Spyer shall have the providinge and settinge of the sheepepens and hogpens in that place, he making provision for the pens, usinge the cuntry men reasonably in the price of the pens, not hinderinge the passage of the people, and payeing yerely xx*s.* rent, 7 yeres, if the Company shall agree.

Richard Atwater shall settle the markett.

Memorandum, Richard Brede's peticion upon file concerninge the sheepe pens ; vide, etc.

Wensdaye, 14° Aprilis, 1624.

Then Mr. Mayor paid Richard Jones 30*s.* in full payment of and for the quarter ended at St. Thomas daye last past, and the old debt of 10*li.* 3*s.* 4*d.* is yett unpaid as it was.

[p. 86.] Mondaye, the 19th of Aprill, 1624.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

John Newman, Willyam Kendricke, William Brackston, George Thorne, John Dewell, Anthony Brackston, Arthur Curtys, John Bagley, John Jenyns, Richard Burren.

Nomina Juratorum.

Philippus Furnham	jurati.	Johannes Joseph	jurati.
Willelmus White		Johannes Wylder	
Salomon Barnard		Ricardus Cane, sen.	
Robertus Stevens		Alexander Pococke	
Samuell Johnson		Humfrey Evans	
Willelmus Stretche		Arther Hooker	
Thomas Chaundler		Christofer Good	
Richard George		Ricardus Seelye	
John Castell			

At this daye the lawdaye was holden for this Corporacion coram Majore et Capitalibus Burgensibus.

At this daye it was agreed that all the fynes, penaltyes and forfeytures growen due and forfeyted by breache of any the orders by any of th'inhabitantes of this Corporacion shalbe fourthwith levyed according to the direccions of the orders, untill this daye : non contradicente.

Question, whether Robert Westmerland shall doe the towne worke and be the Hall mason, soe longe as he doth it well, as it ought to be done:—

Yea, IIIIIIIIIIIII.

Noe, III.

At this daye a peticion was exhibited for the contynuaunce of the Sheepe markett in the place where of late yeres it hath byn kept.

[p. 87.] 27° die Aprilis, 1624. Coram Roberto Maulthus, *Majore.*

William Froome of Highclere in co. Southampton, yeoman, informeth or chargeth Richard Walter of Ashmansworth in com. Southampton, laborer, uppon suspicion of felony, for stealling 30 (or thereaboutes) sheepe, from men unknowne, and is fled thereuppon.

Willelmus Froome cognovit se debere domino Regi ad prosequendum ad proximas assisas versus predictum Richardum Walter pro suspicione . . ., . . . } 40*li.*

[Signed] William Froom. Examined.

Richard Walter saith he bought haulf a score of sheepe at Overton markett, betwixt Whitsontide and Mydsomer last, of a person unknowne (by Mr. Kock's (?) sheppard) and kept them in Grenham heath in harvest untill nere Mychellmas followeing, and then he sould them alle to one Richard Durman, of Ashmansworth aforesaid, for and in parte of payment for a peice of land to sett a house uppon in Ashmansworth; and this Examinate had a bond to performe the bargyne when the house was bylt. and those were all the sheepe, and never had any more synce, and bought nor had any more but those halfe score; he liveth by his labour in the trade of a carpenter, in Ashmansworth a yere and a half, and before that at Etchinswell with Thomas Mosdell, a carpenter, where he was apprentice.

Ricardus Walter cognovit se debere domino Regi 40*li.* } quod compar. ad prox. assis. ad respond. ad omnia.

Willelmus Walter de Chute in com. Southampton yeoman et Thomas Froome de Reding, clothier } manuc'. xx*li.*

[p. 82, cont^d.] 28° Aprilis, 1624.

Then it was bargayned and agreed by Robert Westmerland, in this manner, vizt. :—

Robert Westmerland shall from hencefourth be the bricklayer and workman for the towne, he usinge himself well in that kynd and doeinge their worke reasonably, &c.

And to begyn withall, he shall before Bartholmewe next amend and poynt the Hospitall all over in the roofe, and goodwief Dawson's house, where need is; and he shall amend the gable endes with bricke or tyle; and he amend the pavinge of the flower where the myll standes; and he shall amend and make uppe the wall at the goeinge into the Ospitall, at widowe Dawson's house, on both sides the postes of the doore; and he is to provide and fynd all manner of stuffe (excepting carpenter's worke and tymber) and of hart, lath and nayles, and where the tyles are great tyles there he shall use and lay great tyles; and for the doeinge thereof he shalbe paid viij*li.* in this manner, iiij*li.* at the beginninge of the work and iiij*li.* at th'end of the worke.

[p. 88.] Wensdaye, 12° Maii, 1624.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, Mr. Walter Bateman.

At this daye John Hollowaye made request to have further recompence for his paynes in curinge a poore man's broken legges, vizt. Grey's, xx*s.* he had formerly, and in full recompence xx*s.* more.

18° die Maii, 1624. Coram Roberto Maulthus, *Majore,* etc.

John Bristowe saith that the woman stranger great with childe, vizt. [*blank*] hath lodged at his house a weeke and two dayes and had before that lodged at Henry Elkyns' 3 weekes, and at Francis Browne's a moneth, and that she hath mayntenaunce sent her out of Oxfordshiere by Mr. Mylwardes gardener at Caversham.

20 Maii, 1624. Coram Roberto Maulthus, *Majore.*

Effeild Morgan, fustyan dresser, a forreyner, dwellinge with his wief and children within the wydowe West's (her mother) and hath byn there ever synce Christmas last; warned to be gone; promised to ridd his wief and children in this summer.

21° Maii, 1624.

Lease to Richard Bredes of ij tenementes in the west side of Rotten Rewe; to hold from Michaellmas next for 99 yeres (if himself, William his sone, and Anne daughter [live]) yelding yerely 32*s.* and herryott, the lessee to repayre and byld by Michaellmas next, with necessary covenauntes, pro in Lanter leases.

[p. 89.] Quarter daye, Fridaye, 2j° Maii, 1624, ac 22° regni regis Jacobi.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor*. Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *absent*, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, *absent*, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. John Saunders, *absent*, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, *absent*, John Godderd, *absent*, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, *absent*, George Thorne, *absent*, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, *absent*, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns, *absent*.

Lease. Mr. Thomas Turnor requesteth a lease of his parte of the Ortes for 99 yeres (if he himself, Mary his wief and William their sone live), payeing 6*li.* fine, payeing 6*li.* rent, payeing haulf a yeres rent herryott, excepting liberty for gravell and chalke, pro ut Lanter in quolibet respectu.

Lease. Mr. Bateman, Ursula his wief, Elizabeth, Margaret; 5*s.* fine and 10*s.* rent.

Memorandum, Thursdaye next to warne all victuallers, and for not apearance to be suppressed.

Warrant shalbe to take distresses for all offences past to this daye, according to the order.

Mr. Walter Bye requested that they would be pleased to accept Mr. William Maulthus to be their tenant of that parte of the Ortes whiche he held of them by lease.

Yea, IIIIIIIIIII. } agreed and accepted.
Noe.

Mr. William Maulthus made request to have a newe lease of both the partes of the Ortes made to him for 3 lives.

Holdeth one parte at *6li.* 10*s.* } 5 yeres to come of the old leases.
Th'other parte at *4li.*

Lease to Mr. William Maulthus of both plottes, to hold for 99 yeres (if he himself, Ann his wief, and Anne their daughter live), yelding x*li.* x*s.* rent, vizt. *6li.* 10*s.*, and *4li.*, yelding herryott, half a yere's rent, (excepting chalke and gravell for the towne service,) and gravell and chalke or mialme for every of the Company, for their necessary uses about any their houses, barnes, backsides, gardens, within any the 3 parishes, (but not for any landes.)

Liberty to sell gravell, mialme or chalke to his best advantage to any stranger, excepting the Surveyors of highwayes.

Lease to Mr. Blake, ([if himself,] Edith his wief and Jane their daughter live,) at *6li.* rent, *5li.* fine, herryott, and like covenauntes and condicions.

[p. 90.] Wensdaye, 2° die Junii, 1624.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

At this daye the variaunces betwixt Mr. Thomas Turnor and Anthony Brackston, beinge both Burgesses, was determyned by Mr. Mayor and the Magistrates present, ut sequitur, vizt. Mr. Turnor to paye 3*li.* 3*s.* 4*d.* to Anthony Brackston within a weeke next; per mediacionem magistrorum.

Steven Wintringham, a forreyner, keepeth alehouse without lycence and hath dwelt in Edward Andrewes' house ever synce 3 weekes before Christmas last: Edwardus Andrewes warned to remove him. Steven hath promised to remove his wief this weeke and to be gone himself the next weeke.

Wensdaye, 9° die Junii, 1624.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Memorandum, to call to Mr. John Blagrave for the deedes whiche Jerome Pococke had out of chest, and for the acquitances.

At this daye it was agreed that Mr. Richard Winche and Mr. Anthony Brackston shall have forty shillings allowed them towardes their chardges in travelling into the West countryes to viewe the manner of making their white cloth, and if they spend not soe muche they shall restore the overplus upon accomptes.

At this daye uppon the hearinge of the complaint of William Harman, th'apprentice, against Mathew Jackson his master, for misusinge in correccion, and not having meate, drinke and apparell meete and fitt for him, approoved by neighbours, &c.

For whiche causes Mr. Mayor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. William Maulthus, and Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor and Mr. Walter Bateman doe pronounce and declare that the said master[1] shall from hencefourth stand discharged of his apprentice and requyred to delyver the indenture and his apparell.

[p. 91.] 16° Junii, 1624.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor*. Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. William Iremonger.

At this daye [*blank*] Underwood beinge in house of correccion was convented to aunswere his misdemeanor towardes constables and officers, in wronginge the officers by tripping the officers' heeles; uppon his confession and submission he was discharged.

Wensdaye, 23° Junii, 1624.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor*. Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Thomas Symes } sworne searchers of broadcloth.
Walter Fellowe }

At this daye it was agreed that Henry Tubbe shall have ij*s.* a weeke to attend and keepe the house of correccion, and shall have allowaunce for his worke, as John Remnant did allowe him; and shall accompt to Mr. Mayor of all the stocke whiche shall come to his handes at all tymes.

24° Junii, 1624.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor*. Mr. Edward Clerke, Steward, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Thomas Turnor.

[1] *Apprentice*, MS.

At this daye Henry Spyer confessed that he had drawen and sould 3 or 4 barrells of bere, of Mr. Iremonger's bere, without lycence: Henry Spyer was then forbidden the keepinge of alehouse at his perill.

William Lymbowe's wief said that she had xij barrells of beere, of Mr. Winche's bere, whereof she had vj barrells to drawe: forbidden.

Reymond saith that he selleth bere and taketh it in of Mr. Barnard Harrison, and hath done it this fortnight or 3 weekes: forbidden.

Thomas Hill, jun., saith that he hath drawen bere theise two yeres or thereaboutes and hath soe done theise 2 yeres of Mr. Winche and of Thomas Harrison: forbidden.

William Towsey saith that he hath drawen beere and doth drawe bere in the house where he dwelleth, and hath taken in x barrells of Mr. Winche's bere: forbidden.

Mathewe Bond saith that he hath bere in his house and desireth not to drawe bere any longer; vj weekes or there aboutes he hath taken 5 barrells of bere of Thomas Harrison: (forbidden).

[p. 92.] 23° Junii, 1624. Coram Roberto Maulthus, *Majore*, etc.

Th' examynacion of John Browne, late of Wolverhampton, in com. Stafford.

Saith that he there liveth by his trade of a cooke and gardener; came there hence on Monday was fortnight, intendinge to travell the cuntry to sell his tobacco and poyntes; he came into this towne on Monday last about xj of the clocke, and in his company there came a man whose name is Jeffrey, but what ells he knoweth not; they mett at Colebrooke, havinge noe acquayntaunce with him. Beinge demaunded howe or where he had the horse he had in towne, and what use he had of a horse, [saith] he bought the horse in Lankashiere, at Wiggen parishe, of Thomas Southerton. Being demaunded what was the cause he lent the other man his cloake, whoose hand was seene in another man's pockett, saith that the other man requested him to lend his cloake to doe him a favour, beinge in the Forbery at the mustringe. Sent to the house of correccion.

Memorandum, afterwardes, vizt. Mondaye, 28° Junii, at his request, leavinge his horse with George Man and he geving his word

to keepe the horse; had 3 weekes liberty to bring certificate of his lief and conversaicion, and thereuppon to have his horse, payeing for the meate of him.

Wm. W. and Henry Tubb.

28° Junii, 1624.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

At this daye it was agreed that a taxe shalbe made of the better sorte of the inhabitantes to raise xx*li.* for the house of correccion.

[p. 93.] Mondaye, the vth of July, 1624.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Edward Clerke, Steward, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, Willyam Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

Henry Tubbe himself, John Godwyn of Church, Robert Feild of Hampstead Marshall and Bartholmewe Tubb of Hampstead-Marshall.

At this daye it was agreed that the fiftenes shalbe levyed as they were the last tyme, and for those whiche are newe increased and not formerly assessed shalbe now assessed by the Company present.

14° Julii, 1624.

Coram Roberto Maulthus, *Mayor*, Willelmo Maulthus et Rogero Knight.

John Clifford saith that he was at Southampton in the company of William Conwaye's two maydes, vizt. Jane and Dorothie, Thomas Richardes, John Browne, goodwiefe Venter, th'elder, and goodwief Venter, jun., Judith Ridges, Elizabeth Venter and John Clifforde's wief,

altogither at the house called the signe of the 3 Pidgeons, as he thinketh, in Southampton, and there they all supt togither, (excepting the two maydes,) whiche two maydes, to save chardges, supt in a roome by themselves, and would have supped with them, but Judith Ridges would not suffer them to spend, as the rest did; the maydes after (?) weeping and affirminge that Judith said they must carry their reckoninges home to their dame, or ells their dame would breake their neckes, or wordes to that effect.

And this Examinate heard the maides saye that they both had delivered their money they had in som (?)-parte to Judith and parte to Browne's wenches; and that night he and his wief and they lodged in the house altogether in one chamber, but what afterwardes became of them he knoweth not; and as touching the shutting of them into his chamber that night, it is true he and his wief and those maides lodged all in one chamber, but the dore had noe locke, and the maides were gone in the morninge before he and his wief arose and whilest they were asleepe[2].

[p. 95.] 14° Julii, 1624, 22° regni regis *Jacobi.*

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Clerke, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Security for the house of correcion stocke of 40*li.*

Henry Tubbe, John Godwyn, Robert Feild of Hamsted-Marshall, Bartholomewe Tubbe of Hampsted-Marshall.

17° Julii, 1624. Coram Roberto Maulthus, *Majore*, etc.

Robert Pounall, a stranger, lycensed to practise chirurgerye, sheweinge his quallity in the Markett place in Reding, late of Stockwell, ij myles from London, complayned that he was assaulted and abused in wordes by one Symon Rose, in the Markett place, and from thence assaulted in his chamber and threatned; witnessed by Mr. Robert Knight and the master of the house; took oath and craved security of the peace against the said Symon Rose. For lacke of security comytted to the counter; ad peticionem defendentis remittitur.

[2] p. 94 is dated '11 Sept.' and is printed under that month, but perhaps wrongly.

[p. 96.] Mondaye the 19th of Julye, 1624.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, William Brackston, William Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

Robert Droyte (?), a trunkmaker, requested liberty to use his trade within this boroughe; it is thought not fitt to admitt him to use his trad within this boroughe.

At this daye it was consented and agreed that all the penaltyes, fines and amerciamentes nowe due and forfeyted upon the orders shalbe levyed within the boroughe according to the orders.

[p. 97.] 29° Julii, 1624. Coram Roberto Maulthus, *Majore.*

[Attached, 26 *in margin.*] Richard Swayne complayneth that Richard Poole, on Monday last in the evening, did feloniously steale and carry awaye of his goodes, being by the waterside, vizt. a welbuckett, a draweing pole, ij plankes, one swift, one yron pyn, with one block at th'end; and John Kenton for stealling a board . . . and for helping the other to curse, for whiche causes he chargeth them and either of them with felony.

[Ad Assisas, *in margin.*] Richard Swayne cognovit se debere domino Regi xl*li.* ad prosequendum ad proximas Assisas versus Ricardum Poole.

Richard Swayne cognovit se debere domino Regi 10*li.* ad prosequendum ad proximas Assisas versus Johannem Kenton.

Th'examynacion of Richard Poole.

Saith it is true he did take and carry awaye all those thinges, but the goodes were his owne goodes and therefore tooke them awaye to his owne use.

John Kenton saith that Richard Poole did request him to helpe to take downe and carry awaye those goodes for him, not thinking of stealling them nor any of them: friendes denyeing to geve bayle: sent to the gaole.

[on p. 96.] 30° Julii, 1624. Coram Roberto Maulthus, *Majore.*

Thomas Feilder confesseth he was not himself the last night, neither did he knowe what he did; drinke was the cause for striking the Constable and for striking the officer and abusing them in wordes in his mad humours, for which he is very sorye and prayeth forgevenes; he was required to paye the penalte of 5*s.* for his being drunke, and also for swearinge 3 execrable oathes in the hearinge and presence of Mr. Mayor.

[p. 97.] 3° Augusti, 1624.

Complaynt was made by the Constable that one Robert Parsons hath stabbed Roger Boyer with a knife and the said Roger is in danger of death. For lacke of sureties the said Parsons after 7 dayes in counter was sent to gaole.

Wensdaye, 11° Augusti, 1624.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Clerke, Steward, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

At this daye Mr. Forster, one of the Overseers of the poore of St. Maryes parishe, complayned that Justinian Edmundes hath 4 or 5 children, whiche he leaveth to the charge of the parishe and spendeth the fruitt of his owne labours in vayne and idely.

It was ordered that the said Justinian shall hencefourth paye weekly to the Overseers towardes the releife of his children, upon every Saturday ij*s.*, and if he fayle payment in any weeke he shalbe sett on worke in the house of correccion.

At this daye Richard Mathewe and Christofer Stokes, the ale-tasters, for some speciall causes, vizt. partiallye in their offices, and other misdemeanours approved against them, were discharged of their offices, and forbidden to deale, &c.

9° Septembris, 1624. Coram Roberto Maulthus, *Majore.*

[Assises, *in margin.*] Robert Parsons cognovit se debere domino Regi x*li.* Hugo Grantham, Luke Jenever manuceperunt separatim sub pena xx*li.* quod predictus Robertus compareat ad proximas assisas ad respondendum ad omnia que tunc, etc.

[Signed with their marks,]

Robert X Parsons, Hugo H Grantham, Luke N Jenever.

[p. 94.] Fridaye, 11° Septembris[3], 1624. Coram Roberto Maulthus, *Majore.*

Alice Rowland, wydowe, did then confesse and saye that she had in her handes of Thomas Porter's goodes and in her keeping, vizt. &c.

One chest One cloth gowne Two paire and j od sheete More in the chest, 3 pillowberes Five table napkyns	The rest of the goodes whiche were left at the woman's death, Mr. Augustine Fermer and John Wigg tooke and had at Richard Tatsell's, where the woman dyed.

Mr. Augustine Fermer promised to save the woman harmlesse against Thomas Porter concerninge those goodes.

Agreed by the Overseers of the poore, vizt. Arther Curtys, Arther Lyford and Edward Johnson, and the said Awstin Fermer and John Wigg, that the goodes should be devided into two partes and Awstin Fermer to have the one haulf, lack xx*s.*, and he to keepe th'elder childe, and John Wigg to have the other haulf and xx*s.*, and he to keepe the younger childe and to discharge the towne of the children.

Witnesses, William Bishopp and his wief, John Wiges wief, Awsten Fermer's wief and daughter, and William Wylmer.

[p. 99.] 14° die Septembris, 1624. Coram Roberto Maulthus, *Mayor.*

At this daye Richard Atwater made his accomptes for the amerciamentes of the Lawe daye holden the xiiijth of October, 1622, Mr. Anthony Knight, Mayor; and Mr. Mayor received of him in money uppon those amerciamentes xxxij*s.*

More, a rapier of Thomas Skynner's for . .	ij*s.* iiij*d.*
More, a posnett of Henry More's for the like . .	ij*s.* iiij*d.*
More, a platter of William Lettes for . . .	xij*d.*
More, of Edward Andrewes, a cup . . .	ij*d.*
Of whiche Mr. Mayor paid the Aletasters and to Prynce for his service	xxxj*s.*
More recyved upon accomptes of the Wardens for the skavinger	ix*s.* ij*d.*
Soe resteth in hand besides the goodes . .	x*s.* ij*d.*

Towardes payment of Richard Jones' debt, vide le cettle.

[3] query for 9 July?

[p. 100.] 31° die Augusti, 1624.

Curia sive sessio Hugonis May, armigeri, Clerici Mercati hospitii domini Regis ac totius regni Anglie, etc., tenta coram Carolo Walker de . . ., generoso, deputato predicti Hugonis May, assignat', per scriptum sigillatum et datum 15 Martii, anno 162[2], et regni regis Jacobi, etc. 19°.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Majore.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. William Maulthus.

Nomina Juratorum.

Phillip Farnam	jurati.	Alexander Pococke	jurati.
William White		Humfrey Evens	
Salomon Barnard, *absens*		Arther Hooker	
Samuell Johnson		Christofer Goad	
Robert Stevens		Richard Seley, *absens*	
William Stretche, *parcatur*		James Hall, *absens*	
Thomas Chandler		Salomon Russell, *absens*	
Richard George		Luke Forster	jurati ad supervisionem mens', etc. per se.
John Castell		[4] William Potinger, *absens*	
John Joseph		David Elkes	
John Wylder		John Browne	
Richard Cane, *parcatur*		Thomas Richardes	

[p. 101.] Eleccion daye, 1° die Septembris, 1624, 22° regni regis Jacobi.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Clerke, Sceneschal, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, William Kendricke, *absens*, Richard Winche, *absens*, John Godderd, *absens*, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

[4] This name is crossed through.

At this daye the said Mayor and Capitall Burgesses by direccion of their chartre did nomynate and apoynt iij of the Capitall Burgesses to sitt in election to th'end that one of those 3 shalbe elected and chosen Mayor for the next yeare, as by the chartre is required, vizt.

1. Mr. William Maulthus, IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII [18], Mayor elect.
2. Mr. Roger Knight.
3. Mr. Christofer Turnor.

The game of Swans belonginge to this Corporacion shall hencefourth be mayntayned and lookt unto.

4 young
1 old Swan } by Henry Salter.

Agreed that all the forfeytures, fines and amerciamentes formerly incurred shalbe levyed of th' inhabitantes, &c., per omnes.

8° Septembris.

Richard Jans, working at Henry Hill's, was convented for misdemeanours.

John Burford gave his word he shall apeare on Mondey next too finde surctyes concerning his wief and children.

Mondaye, 13° die Septembris, 1624.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Steward, Mr. William Maulthus, *elect*, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

For a Serjeant.

Frauncis Thackham, IIII.
Richard Ashmore.
George Whithart.
John Knight, IIII.
Richard Smyth.
John Lamphier.
Frauncis Thackham
Thomas Thackham } bound, pro ut, etc.

At this daye Mr. Doctor Swaddon's will was openly read and a speciall lettre from Mistris Swaddon, expressinge her goodwill towardes the setling of the landes ment by his wille to be setled to charitable uses, vizt. to five cittyes and townes, whereof Reading

is one, and that a meetinge thereaboutes should be at Worcester, upon Tuesdaye the xxj[th] of this September, 1624, to settle the assuraunce, &c.

Willyam Wylmer is apoynted and shall have the towne seale for his warrant, &c.; and the charges to be borne out of the charitable uses, and when the first xx*li.* of that guift shall come, then the charges shalbe there hence deducted and repaid to the Cofferer.

15° Septembris, 1624.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Edward Clarke, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Christofer Turnor.

At this daye Frauncis Thackham was sworne one of the Sergentes at Mace of this boroughe, &c.

Richard Freeston served Mr. Seickes 5 yeres, per indenturam and Mr. Bent 4 yeres, per indenturam } admittitur.

[p. 99.] Thursday, 16° Septembris, 1624. Coram Roberto Maulthus, *Majore.*

At this daye the goodwife Rumsey complayned that Thomas Bagley had beaten her sonne, [*blank*] Rumsey, beinge a boy of [*blank*] yeres of age, and did threaten to kill him or to make him that he shall not be able to helpe himself; soe that the boy feareth to goe about his father's busynes. The said [*blank*] Rumsey, the boy, shewed the harmes he had by the beatinge of him, and that he feareth that he will doe him further hurtes, or kill him.

Michaell Hamblen's wief then affirmed his threatninge of the boye in like manner, &c.

Thomas Bagley confessed that he had stroken him, and being required to finde suretyes for the boye's goeinge in peace, he denyed it, thereuppon he was commytted to the Counter, &c. Vide postea, 3° pag. [p. 104 of the MS.]

[p. 103.] Quarter daye, Fridaye, 17° Septembris, 1624, 22° regni regis Jacobi, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Willyam Maulthus, *elect,* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, *absens*, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye it was agreed that the Cofferer for the charitable uses shall lend vj*li.* to disburse the proporcionable parte of charges at Worcester concerninge Mr. Doctor Swaddon's charitable good will to the poore of this towne.

As touchinge the not payment of Mr. Palmer's gift to the poore, it was thought fitt that some speeches be had with some of Wallingford and Henley, for a copy of the will, and then to proceed as by counsell we shalbe advised.

As touchinge Mr. Bateman's bond for payment of 55*li.* of the Hall debt, the fines of 23*li.* for leases shalbe paid, and the Cofferer shall disburse the rest out of the Hall revenues.

[Peticion pro, *in margin.*] At this daye Henry Frewyn, jun., being a freman of London and there using the trade of a pewterer, makinge pewter, requesteth his freedome of this towne, being here borne and here to use his trade. Conceditur per omnes; solvendum 2*li.*

[Peticion contra, *in margin.*] At this daye

Gregorye Stevens	5
John Goodbarnes	5
Henry Merifeild	3
William Hayes	5
John Hayes	5
Wydowe Grey	6
Roger Walker	2

beinge freemen, requested that he might not be admytted.

Agreed by all that all the fynes and amerciamentes forfeited at this daye shalbe levyed.

[p. 104.] 17° Septembris, 1624. Coram Roberto Maulthus, *Majore.*

John Romsey, jun., juratus fuit: saith he standeth in feare of his lief by reason that Thomas Bagley hath beaten him and further threatned him; prayeth to goe in peace about his father's busynes.

Cicely Hamblen } testes, and in parte confest before Mr.
Tomasine Rumsey } Mayor.

Thomas Bagley requested the peace against John Rumsey, th'elder, for threatning him to cutt of his lymmes.

Promised on all partes hencefourth to be freindes, and to doe good eache to other, if they can, and forgave one another.

27° die Septembris, 1624. Coram Roberto Maulthus, generoso, *Majore.*

[Assises, *in margin.*] Jane Taylor, the wief of William Taylor of Sonning, laborer, complayneth for that uppon Saturday last, being the xxv^th^ daye of this instant moneth, in the afternoone, she was in the Bucher rewe in Reding, intending to buy meate, having then in her purse iiij*s.* vj*d.* *ob*[*olum*] in money, one rase of ginger and a little key tyed to the purse [5], it was instantly taken fourth of her pockett, and she hearinge that within haulf an hower after, a woman was apprehended at the Constable's for cutting of a purse, she presently went to the Constable's and there, upon searche of the woman apprehended, there was found about her the same purse, iiij*s.* vj*d.* in silver money, ij brasse tokens, one race of ginger and the key tyed to the purse, whiche she complayned she had lost in the Bucher rewe. [Jurata fuit, *in margin.*]

[Ad Assisas proximas, *in margin.*] Willelmus Taylor cognovit se debere domino Regi xl*li.* quod ipse vel Jane uxor ejus ad proximas Assisas prosecut' versus malefactorem predictum, etc.

[Signed] William + Taylor.

p. 105. [Eodem die, *in margin.*] Th'examynation of Elizabeth Hoodd, the wief of John Hoodd, of St. George's parishe in Southwarke, a horse breaker.

Saith she hath byn his wief one yeare or thereaboutes and the cause of her coming at this tyme to Reading was this; her sister requested her to goe with her towardes Reading to seeke her husband, and from thence to goe to see her mother in lawe at Abingdon; they came out of London on Thursdaye last and came to Acton that night; and in her company came with her to Reading her sister, now in prison, and a stranger in a grene horseman's coate, now in the House of Correccion. And this Examinate mett with her husband in Reading, at the house of one Mr. Atwater, that keepeth the Counter; and this Examinate

[5] Certificatum, *in margin.*

being in the markett, Reading, a strange woman requested her to looke to suche thinges as she had, and that woman brought to this Examynate iij peices of beife, at iij severall tymes, one after another, and delivered them to her husband; and being examined howe she had the purse with the key and iiij*s.* vj*d. ob.* in money, found about her at the Constable's, saith that the woman, whiche brought her the beef, brought to her that purse at the last tyme she brought the last peice of beif. Sent to gaole.

[Eodem die (27 Sept.), *in margin.*] The complaint of Thomas Woodley of Bassldon, laborer.

Saith uppon Saturday last he beinge in the Bucher Rewe in Reding, about two of the clocke in the after noone, buyeing meate, he lost his purse fourth of his pockett, and vj*s.* in money, vizt. j haulf-crowne peice, 4 newe fa[r]thinges, one groate marked, and the rest in other ordinary money; and cryeing out he was willed to goe to the Constable's after the cut purse, whiche was there apprehended; but there was not his purse nor money found about that woman. [Juratus fuit, *in margin.*]

Afterwardes the same daye there was another woman taken in suspicion, and being searched there was found about her in severall places, amongest other moneys, one haulf-crown peice, and one groate, and iij newe farthinges, whiche he deposeth were parte of his money, and the very same haulf-crowne peice, j groate and iij of the farthinges whiche he lost in his purse, &c.

[Ad proximas Assisas, *in margin.*] Thomas Woodley cognovit se debere domino Regi 40*li.*, ad prosequendum ad proximas Assisas versus malefactorem in propria persona.

[Certificatum, *in margin.*] Thomas Woodley X, signum.

p. 106. [Eodem die preantea, *in margin.*] Th'examynacion of Elizabeth Jones, the wief of John Jones, of Blackman streete, in Katherine Wheele yard, in Southwarke, sayler.

Saith the cause of her being here at Readinge is for that she came to seeke her husband, whiche went from her three weekes past; she came from her dwelling on Wensday last in the companye of John Whodd and his wief; and in her company came none but the said Hoodd and his wief from London, nor into this towne. The cause whie she should seeke her husband at Reading was

because they brought her that waye, willing to goe with them, whither the said Hood and his wief would lead her; and being demaunded, whie she said she had noe money at her apprehension, having money about her, saith, because she knewe him not to be Constable, and at that instant she offred to change the haulf-crowne with ij men in the house before her apprehension; and being demanded where she had the half-crowne, the broken groate and the farthinges found about her, saith she found the half-crowne and the groate in the streete in Reading; the farthinges she had in exchange for bere; and the rest of the money she brought with her from London.

She saith she brought in money from London .	xv*s.* vj*d.*
she spent in travell to this towne but .	ix*d.*
and there is found about her in money, besides the haulf-crowne and groate, she saith she found	xx*s. ob. quad.*

Sent to the gaole.

29° Septembris, 1624.

Nicholas Peart and his wief are straungers at Henry Moore's, they came thither fortnight before St. James' daye last, from Kingesclere; promised to departe on Monday next.

John Turner, taylor and his wief, (being strangers come out of Worcestershiere a yere past,) hath wrought with Joseph Prynce, nowe twelve monethes past; his wief came synce S^t^. James' daye to lodge at James Hulberde's and payd vj*d.* a weeke for their lodgeinge; promised both to departe the towne within fortnight.

Richard Grundye, taylor, a straunger, was complayned for workinge in towne-worke, vizt. at Pychowle (?): was forbidden unlesse it be with a freman, sayeing he hath byn in towne haulf a dussen yeres.

[p. 107.] Fridaye, the first of October, 1624.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. William Maulthus, elect, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. Walter Bateman.

William Brackston
John Dewell } Cofferers.

Robert Westmerland shall take downe the faulty chimney in the house of correccion and newe buyld it agayne at his owne charges before All Saintes next, and cure the smoking thereof; and

for his paynes he shalbe paid when the worke is done iij*li.* x*s.* in money.

At this daye accomptes were had of Richard Atwater concerninge the amerciamentes of the Lawe daye, Clerke of the Markett and breache of the orders; videlicet,

For the amerciamentes . . . for the Clerke of the Markett . . and for the breach of orders, xxvij*s.* .	x*li.* 13*s.*
More for breache of orders; a groate a hogg .	v*s.* viij*d.*
Moore of Richard Atwater	vij*s.* viij*d.*
Paid Richard Jones, skavinger . . .	vj*li.* 3*s.* 4*d.*
Paid the aletasters for this yere . . .	xx*s.*
Paid the 3 hogherdes for this yere . .	xv*s.*

2° Octobris, 1624.

Elizabeth Ryce, spinster, saith she came out of her service in London, vizt. with one Symons, a cooke, because she fyndeth her with childe, begotten by one John Turner, a taylor, working at Joseph Prynce's, in Reading; she had his company in coming from London and in this towne at James Huberde's and into his cuntry of Shropshier.

p. 108. [Burgus de Readinge in Berkes, *in margin.*] Die Lune, iiij^to^ die Octobris, 1624, annoque regni regis Jacobi, 22°.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Robert Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. William Maulthus, *elect*, etc., Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight, Mr. Edward Clerke, Steward.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arthur Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye Mr. William Maulthus beinge formerly elected Mayor, by direccions of the chartre, did take oath of Supremacye:—j, Supremacye; ij, the oath of Mayor and Justice of Peace; iij, the oath of Clerke of the Markett within the borough; and did then and

there nomynate Constables, Wardens and other officers of and for the said boroughe, &c., viz[t].

John Dewell
George Thorne } Cofferarii, jurati.

Thomas Filpe
Willelmus Walker } Constabularii, jurati.

Johannes Turnor
[6] Fabyan Cooke } Gardiani Alte Warde, jurati.

William Curtyce, juratus.

Richardus Alright
[6] William Blacknoll
[6] John George } Gardiani Minster Warde, jurati.

Timothie Banester, juratus.

Willelmus Mathewe
Valentine Skeat } Gardiani London Ward, jurati.

Francis Michell
John Davys } Gardiani Nove Warde, jurati.

Thomas Lawrens
Francis Abrey } Gardiani Veteris Warde, jurati.

p. 109. [Burgus de Readinge in com. Berkes, *in margin.*] xviij die Octobris, 1624. The Lawe daye was holden for this boroughe.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

19° Octobris, 1624. Coram Willelmo Maulthus, *Majore.*

Thomas Filpe
Richardus Shayle
Peter Thorne } jurati fuerunt, quod Nicholas Filpe in auditione eorum juravit et cursavit bis, et superinde solvit ij*s.* ad usum pauperum parochie.

Mondaye, the 25th of October, 1624.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

[6] Crossed through in the MS.

At this daye the widowe Dee was called in question for receavinge a stranger into her house, havinge a great charge of children; she saith not a quarter of a yere; promised to ridd and remove them with all convenyent speed.

At this daye it was agreed that the order for lightes shall this yere be put in execution as it was the last yere.

Memorandum, that the Armes confirmed the last yeare by the Herrauldes be called for to be in Hall kept.

[p. 110.] 26° Octobris, 1624.

Redmond Jerrald, servant to Mr. Thomas Brocas, of Beroper, in com. Southampton.

Saith that the silver bason is the goodes of Mr. Andrewe Pawlett, sometymes livinge at Beroper, and sometymes at London, left the silver bason with him to lay to pawn, to borrowe some money for his use, for ij or iij monethes.

Edward Bagley affirmeth that he knoweth he hath served Mr. Thomas Brocas a long tyme and in good creditt, but as touching the silver basen he can say nothinge, but verely beleveth he is an honest man.

Thomas Hatton saith that the Examinate did saye he had this basen a moneth or more in his handes, and was to borrowe 40 or 50*s.*, or more or lesse, at his pleasure.

There are divers hues and cryes for plate and other thinges late stollen.

This Examinate denyeth to make knowne where his Master's chamber is in London, or where Mr. Andrewe Pawlette's chamber is. Stayed upon suspicion.

Thomas Hatton, the gould-smyth, brought the partie in question and Mr. Bowden, for they had lettres that the Lady Kingesmyll was robbd and lost muche plate; afterwardes the said Jerrold was discharged by lettres from Mistris Mary Pawlett and Mr. Thomas Brocas, sent to Edward Bagley and John Jenyns.

[p. 111.] Fridaye, the xxix^th^ of October, 1624.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Anthony Knight.

At this daye it was agreed as touchinge the skavinger as followeth, viz., Nathaniell Hersey shalbe the skavinger this yere, from this daye; he shall sweepe, ridd and carrye awaye weeklye all the soyle arising weekly in and about the Markett places, vizt. from the Sun dore upwardes all the strete to the Butcher rewe end at Mr. John Dewell's hall dore; and from thence to Thomas Thackham's hall dore; from thence upwardes all the Streetes and Markett places unto the Walke; from and by the Walke untill the Counter dore; from thence in and by all the Markett place and streetes downe the Shoomaker rewe unto th'end of the Smythe's house next to the Taylor's house; he shall alsoe clense, ridd and carrye awaye all the soile arisinge in and at the grates in the towne, usually clensed at the chardges of the towne; and for his labour he shall have yerely paid by the Cofferer xj*li.*, weekly or otherwise, as it shalbe required.

[Signed] Nathaniell H Herseye.

[p. 112.] xvij° die Novembris, 1624.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Walter Bateman.

Then ij quieti, vizt. anno 1623, Mr. Anthony Knighte's charge, and anno 1615, Mr. Robert Maulthus' chardge, were taken out and sent to Mr. Robert Maulthus to direct his payment for the last yere and delivered to William Wylmer. (One resteth in chest, the other Mr. Maulthus had to send to London.)

Then Thomas Illesley was called in question for enterteyn[m]ent of one Jerome Ferrys, a stranger, to drawe here without licens; was warned to remove him, at his perill.

Jerome Ferrys was warned at his perill.

At this daye warrant for the impressinge of xiiij stronge and able men, fitt for the warres, to serve under Count Mansfeild, and 40*s.*, being after the rate of v*s.* a man, for viij of them, to paye suche chardges as will arise untill they shalbe delivered to their Captayne, &c., was openly read and that warrant is in Mr. Mayor's handes.

Mondaye, the 22nd daye of November, 1624.

Mr. William Maulthus. *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

And at this daye xiiij idle persons being prest for service under Count Mansfeild, according to my Lord Leivtenantes warrant, were prest and on service, dated 15° November, 1624; agreed that for the leavyeinge of the money to paye the charges that will arise of viij, untill they be delivered to their Captayne, and other expences therein; it was agreed that it shalbe leavyed of all th'inhabitantes that finde Armes, vizt.

The Corstettes [*sic*] at xviij*d.* a man;

The Muscottes at xij*d.* a man; whiche was done accordingly; but memorandum, that taxe was not indifferent.

Mondaye, 29° die Novembris, 1624.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

At this daye warrant came for the levyeinge of the second xv^ene^. It was agreed that it shalbe levyed, as it was the last tyme levyed, upon th'inhabitantes by the old rolle.

At this daye the 50*s.*, late in the handes of Richard Petty and Richard Barrett, taken from Richard Barrett by Mr. Thomas Turnor, and left in the handes of William Wylmer was paid to Mr. Kendricke, Mr. Forster, Edmond Spyer and Richard Stampe, of St. Mary parishe, to bynd Peter Venter apprentice.

[p. 113.] j° die Decembris, 1624.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight.

At this daye Mr. Robert Maulthus brought in and delivered the *quieti sunt* for the last yere he was Mayor, vizt. from Michaellmas in the xxj yere untill Michaellmas in the xxij^th^ yere of his Majesties reigne; soe there be 3 in the handes of William Wylmer.

At this daye Mr. Steward, according to the trust reposed in him, did make knowne what he had done in courtes concerning Mr. Palmer's will and the procedinges against those whiche denye the paymente, &c.; he shewed certen copies of the will and comissions, &c.; towardes the chardges of those copies it is agreed that the Cofferer of the charitable uses shall paye to Mr. Steward xx*s.*

Then the orders under the sealles of the Judges and Mayor were delivered to Mr. Steward in the boxe.

[p. 114.] Mondaye, 13° Decembris, 1624, 22° regni regis Jacobi, etc.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayor*. Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

William Brackston, th'Accomptant.

John Dewell and
George Thorne } Cofferers.

At this daye Mr. Tuttey made request to be one of th'Attorneys of this Court; for aunswere he is referd till Fridaye next.

At this daye Mr. Bushe made request to be furnished with a horse, to goe with Count Mansfeild, &c.; referd till Fridaye for aunswere.

Henry Frewyn requested daye to pay the v*li.* fortnight after Christmas next, and then promised payment thereof.

At this daye the Cofferers made th'accompt of all the Hall revenewes from Michellmas 1623, untill Michaellmas 1624, beinge the yere Mr. Robert Maulthus was Mayor.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
The wholle charge of all the receiptes certen and uncerten	263	3	7
	li.		
Ordinary chardges in that yere . . .	139	0	0
Extraordinary chardges	104	6	1
Expended and paid in all	243	6	1

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
By whiche it apeareth there resteth in the Cofferer's charge	19	17	6
Henry Frewyn oweth	05	0	0
Mr. Bateman oweth	02	10	0
	27	07	6

The House of Correccion oweth to the Hall for money laid out there . . . } xx*li.*

Due in arrerages of rentes . . . . xij*li.* viij*s.* x*d.*

Old quite-rentes owe by arrerages . . .

Encrochmentes in arrerages owe . . . xxiij*s.*

	li.	s.	
The Hall indebted for money borrowed, and the use for a yere and a quarter . . .	56	5	0
And to Richard Jones for parte of his hire .	4	0	0
Agreed that 26*li.* 5*s.*, parte of the debt of 56*li.* 5*s.*, shalbe paid with that money in hand and oweinge, and the remaynder thereof, which is 1*li.* 2*s.* 6*d.*, shalbe paid to the Cofferer and then the Hall oweth still 30*li.* and the use for another yere	33*li.*		
And Richard Jones' debt, ...	4*li.*		

whiche shalbe paid, 50*s.* to Mr. Jenynges and 30*s.* to Mr. Burren, out of the amerciamentes and forfeytures, per W[illiam] W[ilmer].

[on p. 114.] 16° die Decembris, 1624.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knighte, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

[on p. 113.] 16° Decembris, 1624.

For Mr. Kemishe's guift of iiij*li.*; agreed that ix for St. Lawrens, and ix for St. Giles, and vj for St. Maryes; their names be upon file for this yere.

For shirtes and smockes, x.

iiij to St. Giles.

iij to St. Lawrens.

iij to St. Maryes; their names upon the file.

For Mr. Edward Hamblen's guift, iiij*li.* (?).

Blynd Sample
Old Harrison
Richard Collyns
John Davye
} named by Edward Hamblen.

[p. 115.] Fridaye, 17° die Decembris, 1624. Quarter daye, 22° regni regis Jacobi.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, William Kendricke*, Richard Winche, John Goddard*, Robert Bent, William Brackston*, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye a peticion from the inhabitantes of Caversham and Mapledurham was exhibited, for amendment of the footwayes to and from Caversham, &c.

The parishioners of St. Lawrence will take order for the amending of the foot-wayes, havinge some order from the cuntry; the peticion is upon the file.

Agreed that Mr. Tuttye shalbe sworne Attorney in this Court the next Court daye.

Mr. Bushe shalbe aunswered to-morowe.

William Sone shall have a lease of his shoppe for 7 yeres at 40*s.* rent per annum, soe as he seale the counterparte of his lease at the next quarter daye.

Mr. Thorne, the Cofferer, Mr. William Brackston and John Jenyns shall viewe the stables in Mr. Newman's and Mr. Dewell's holdinge, and at the next quarter informe the Companye of the value and reparacions, and Mr. Newman shall paye the rent then.

The Cofferers shall survey his house before the next quarter daye, and then he shalbe discharged of his lease, if another good tenant maye be had.

[7] John Bagley shall chaunge his lease to 3 lives, at 20*s.* rent, payeing.

13*s.* 4*d.* shalbe paid out of the House of Correccion to William Hill and his partener for money laid out for whipping rogues.

[p. 116.] Wensdaye, 22° Decembris, 1624.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayor*. Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman*, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Mr. John Saunders*, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd*, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns*.

[7] This entry is crossed through in the MS. * Marked as absent.

Agreed that there shalbe noe other company of musicions but Mr. Shiler and his, provided that olde Mathewe Jackson and his sonne shalbe permitted in towne.

For the mayntenaunce of the prest souldyers kept in country, 8*d* a man allowed them. Collected by a former taxe, ix*li.*; allowed by the cuntry, v*li.* xij*s.*; rest to levye, vij*li.*; whiche is agreed to be levyed in the towne by the rate of eache colleccion booke, provided that noe man shalbe charged with this payment, whiche payeth not ij*d.* a weeke or under, but ij*d.* men and every one whiche payeth upwardes.

At this daye it was agreed and consented unto that all the fynes and forfeytures, accrewed against the orders, shalbe fourthwith levyed according to the orders.

At this daye the newe rent-rolle was made perfect for collectinge the revenues of the Hall and for ordinary paymentes this yeare.

Mr. Thomas Turnor and Mr. Nicholas Gunter denyed to consent to this busynes at this tyme, by reason the Secondary Burgesses are present, for they thinke it belongeth onely to the ix; afterwardes by consent it was referd untill a weeke after th'end of the next terme, and in the meane tyme they whiche are doubtfull of the procedinges maye be advised by counsell.

At this daye Mr. William Tuttye was sworne Attorney in this Court, sedente Curia.

[p. 117.] 5° die Januarii, 1624. Coram Willelmo Maulthus, *Majore*, et Edwardo Clerke, *Scenescallo.*

Richard Lamphier, late servant or apprentice to Valentine Skeate, saith:

That when he was there dwellinge, there used to his master's house one Mathewe Hobbes, otherwise called Allen, a tall young man, with a flexen haire, and there was another little fellowe, called Dallicott, whoe had formerly byn his master's prisoner, whiche came into his master's house with the said Hobbes at that tyme, vizt. about all Saintes last past; and at that tyme there was another elder man that was with them; and they did use to come in by the back gate, and when they were there, they did spend like gentlemen and not as pedlers. Mathewe Hobbes and his mother did use to carry a packe, and sometymes the woman had a girle or two; and the elder man was there a weeke before in very base

apparrell, and within a weeke he was apparrelled like a gente, with gold lace.

Andrewe Borman saith:

That Mathewe Hobbes alias Allen saith, upon [*blank*] the [*blank*] of [*blank*] last, said to this Informante that he had some plate to sell and would have this Examinate to helpe him to v*li.* in money or more; and that he would sell it for 14 groates an ounze; this Examinate bid him but 3*s.* an ounze; and that the said Mathewe told him he should have 30 or 40 poundes worth of plate of him at that rate, and that at night he would bringe it downe to this Complainantes house; and that the plate was all melted, saving one beker; and the next daye this Examinate expectinge the coming of the said Mathewe with the plate, presently soe soone as he was come, not sheweing any plate, there came in one Richard Prynce, whiche formerly the daye before had byn in company with the said Hobbes, and amongest other speches the said Prynce said to the said Hobbes, "be you gone, you are cloyd;" and then the said Mathewe Hobbes promised to bringe the plate downe that night to this Examinate's house, [p. 118] but did not; And the same daye a woman, whiche he thinketh was mother to the said Mathewe Hobbes, came to this Examinate willing him to meete them at the Ort stile and there he should have the plate as was agreed; and this Examinate saith that Richard Prynce said that the said Mathewe Hobbes gave him a sute of apparell; and that morninge the said Prynce was at breakfast with them at their hoste's, Valentyne's.

Richard Prynce saith:

That he hath byn acquaynted with Mathewe Hobbes 5, 6 or 7 yeres, by reason that he, being servant to the jaylor, the said Mathewe, father and mother, were in the gaole at Reding; and that he never sawe the said Mathewe Hobbes theise ij yeres untill the last tyme, whiche was about All Saintes last past, and then one Richard Lamphier told this Examinate that Mathewe Hobbes and one Neighbour, an elder man of his acquayntance, were at his Mr. Valentyne's, whiche Neighbour was newly clothed in a newe sute of apparrell, layd on with gould lace; and the said Mathewe Hobbes being sett out of Counter caused this Examinate to eate and drinke with him and his friend at their host Valentyne's, and

that the said Mathewe did geve this Examinate an old pare of breches and a shirte; and that he, hearing by goodman Nashe that the said Mathewe Hobbes had offred plate to sell to Andrewe Borman, this Examinate went thither and questyoned the said Hobbes about it, and said "be gone[8], you are cloyed." Prynce sent to Counter.

[Assises, *in margin.*] Andrewe Borman cognovit se debere domino Regi xli*li.* [*sic*] ad comparendum ad proximas Assisas tenendas in Berkes ad testificandum et dandum in [*sic*] evidenciam versus Matheum Hobbes et Ricardum Prynce.

[Signed] Andrewe Borman.

[Assises, *in margin.*] Ricardus Prynce cognovit se debere domino Regi 40*li.* ad comparendum ad proximas Assisas in Berkes ad respondendum ad omnia que ei objiciuntur.

Johannes Prynce } manuceperunt pro predicto Ricardo in xx*li.*
Luke Jenever } separatim.

[Signed] Richard Prince.
Johne Prence.
Luke Jenever.

Jane Dorey, alias Monke, said nothinge[9].

p. 119. [Eodem die, *in margin.*] Valentyne Skeate saith:

That one of their names was Hobbes and another name; another of them was called Chambers, an[10] alias name; another of them was called Dallicott. Chambers made a[10] sute of clothes in the towne and bought the cloth of Mr. Dewell, whiche cost 30*s.* or thereaboutes; they stayde there one night, viz[t]. Sonday night, and the Tuesday night next followeing, by his perswasion; and that they never used to his house before, but he did knowe Hobbes and his mother, by using to the fayres and markettes in this towne with a packe of wares; and that they came in by his streete dore, and by no other waye.

Valentyne Skeate's wief saith:

That about vj weekes past there was strangers lodged at their house, and she knewe none of them but Mathew Hobbes, a pedler; another his name is Kitt Dallicott; another his name she knoweth

[8] Be gone, *crossed through in the MS.*
[9] This line is also crossed through.
[10] *and*, MS.

not; Hobbes doth use to carry a packe of small wares and hath used to their house at fayre[1] tymes: two of them came in on Friday morning, and after breakfast they went in towne and bought them clothes, and stayd there untill Saturday morning and then they went awaye and came agayne on Sonday and lodged there, and Monday night they were in Counter, and on Tuesdaye night they lodged at their house and went awaye on Wensdaye about 7 a clocke in the morning; she did see nothinge they brought into the house but a trunke of wares, whiche he the said Mathewe Hobbes did carry awaye with him; and hath lodged there divers tymes in the last yere.

Amye Jacob:

Saith that there was iij men lodged at their house, the name of the one of them is Hobbes, another William Neighbour, and the third she knoweth not; she had seene Hobbes before that tyme, but howe often he had byn there she cannott tell, and they had nothing but a pedler's trunke.

[p. 120.] 13° Januarii, 1624. Coram Willelmo Maulthus, *Majore.*

The examinacion of Richard West, apprentice to John Jorden, musicion in Reding:

Saith that his master was at Readinge a little before Christmas last, there came into their house a straunger, whiche this Examinate doth not knowe, and desired to have a shirt washt, and his master beinge at supper would have had him to eate some meate with them, but the stranger would not; and that night this Examinate came in from playe something late, and he lightinge a candle to goe to his bed tooke uppe a paper by the fire side, wherein was certen peeces of silver plate, not knoweing what it was, whiche he then gave to his master. And this Examinate thinketh the stranger lett it fall; and this Examinate saith he did never see, nor knowe of any gould or silver, or plate, that his master had, nor he never gave his master any, but that he then and there found by the fireside.

Th'examynacion of Jane Monke, the wief [of] Robert Monke:

Saith that her sonne-in-lawe John Jorden was at her house about a fortnight before Christmas last past, and then stayd fortnight

[1] *Fayres*, MS.

or thereaboutes; she neither knoweth Mathewe Hobbes, *alias* Allen, Suzan Hobbes, nor Christofer Dallicort. But the same night that her sonne-in-lawe came home, there came a little fellowe to her house in the eveninge, as they were at supper, to hire this Examinate to washe a shirte and bond for him, whiche fellowe had a horseman's coate, but what beard she remembreth not; neither did she see or knowe of any plate broken or wholle he had in her house in the towne; saith she did not goe with the said stranger to any place nor did not knowe where he lodged, but denyeth all the questions in every respect, and that she knoweth not any the parties named to her, nor any of their busynes. Mathewe Hobbes, alias Allen, Suzan Hobbes and Dallicott.

[Postea, 29° Jan. 1624, *in margin.*] Saith she was called to goodman Skeate's by a boy, in the darke eveninge, to come thither, and she came in the morning; and the girle did see her in the chamber with the fellowes and was there with her and they did will her to saye that they gave her . . . . . see what long Will and Dallicot lyeing in their bed did deliver to this Examinate, vizt. two silver plates bowed togither, parcell of that whiche they tooke her over night, for whiche ij plates she brought xxij*s*. and tooke it to goodwife Hobbs at Valentine Skeate's house, [vide postea, *in margin.*] The girle did fetche it from the oven, and brought it into the chamber, to deliver it to them lyeing in their bedd, rapt in a blacke cloth.

[p. 121.] Thomas Hatton:

[Eodem die, *in margin.*] Saith he bought noe silver plate, broken nor wholle, synce Michaellmas, neither was any offred to him to sell or to peice by any man, (but onely one silver basen, which this Examinate brought in question before the Mayor, whoe was informed of the true owner thereof in good tyme;) neither doth he knowe Mathewe Hobbes, *alias* Allen, a pedler, nor Christofer Dallicott, a pedler.

Mr. John Dewell:

Saith that about 8 weekes past Mr. Valentine Skeate brought a stranger to his shoppe and there bought a peice of greene medley cloth to make a sute for that stranger, for whiche he was then paid, but the name of that partie this Examinate knoweth not.

Castell Seymour, taylor :

Saith that about the 5th of November last Mr. Valentine brought a customer to have a sute of apparrell made fourthwith, whiche sute, vizt. dublett and hose of a grene, medley-colord cloth, bought at Mr. Dewell's, and the hose were laced with ij gould laces, and he brought a cloke to have newe lace sett upon it; and uppon Sonday this Examinate carryed the said apparell to Valentyne Skeate's, where his customer was in company of two other men and an old woman ; the woman was mother to one of those men, and the name of the lesser man was called Kytt ; and the said customer paid this Examinate for his worke *7s.*, in a backe[2] chamber, where they were merry and jovall.

Valentine Skeate saith :

That goodwife Dorey came to his house when the said Hobbes and the rest were at his house, but whether she did eat or drinke with them, yea or noe, he knoweth not, or had any conference with them or not ; and that Hobbes, Dallicourt and Chambers, and Hobbs' mother, came into his house altogither by daye, about Hollontyde ; and that they were not usuall guestes to him ; and that they lodged the Tuesday night in his house, and went awaye Wensdaye morninge about 7 or 8 of the clocke, but Dallicourt was gone before, for he stayd there but the first night ; flatly denyeth that he knewe not, nor heard of any plate they had or brought into his house. They went all awaye on Saturday morning and came agayne on Sondaye morning ; stayd there that night ; Mondaye night in Counter.

[p. 122, *cont.*] Wensdaye, 26° Januarii, 1624.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayor*. Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Agreed at this daye that xvj*s.* 8*d.* spent upon Thomas Trowe, a sicke diseased persone in the house of correccion, shalbe paid fourth of charitable uses ; and for apparell for blynd Robyn, v*s.*

As touchinge William Webbe's children, the woman shall have ij*s.* vj*d.* a weeke paid out of the stocke for a moneth ; and in the

[2] *Backer*, MS.

meane tyme the Overseers and Sureties to gett places for the children and the stocke shalbe geven to place them to be brought uppe and the towne discharged of them.

Memorandum, Jeames Shiler promised to paye and geve to Belgrove's wief, to helpe her and her children, x*s.* a quarter every quarter, and shall begyn payment at Lady daye next, and v*s.* in hand in parte of that quarter, the paymentes shalbe made to the Overseers of the poore.

[p. 123.] 28° Januarii, 1624. Coram Willelmo Maulthus, gen. *Majore.*

Goodwief Dorey to be sent to Richmond House to Mr. William Boulton, in Holborne.

Before the Right Honourable his Majestie's Officers of the Grene Cloth at Whitehall, or ellswhere.

Thomas Hatton cognovit se debere domino Regi centum libras.

Johannes Buckner, gen., et Georgius Man, yeoman } manuceperunt pro ipso sub pena 50*li.* separatim.

That the said Thomas Hatton and Edith his wief shall personally appeare before the Right Honourable his Majestie's Officers of the Grene Cloth at Whitehall or ells where, uppon Mondaye the vijth day of February next ensueing the date hereof, then and there to aunswere to all suche matters and thinges as on his Majestie's behaulf shalbe then and there objected against them, That then, &c.

[Signed] Thomas Hatton, Jo. Buckner, ✓ George Man.

Mr. John Inman at Hatton House.

Th'examynacions of Thomas Hatton and Wydowe Dorey to be sent on Monday next.

[p. 124.] 28° Januarii, 1624.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman.

Agreed that the chardges of ringinge upon Tuesdaye last, being Mr. John Kendricke's funerall day shalbe disbursed by the Cofferer and lent out of the Hall accomptes untill some meanes may be provided to repaye it to the Hall.

[p. 122.] 29° Januarii, 1624. Coram Willelmo Maulthus, *Majore.*

Valentine Skeate cognovit se debere domino Regi C*li.* that he himself, Amye his wief, and Amye Jacobbe shalle upon a daye's warning appere before Mr. Mayor and then and there to aunswere and doe what shalbe enjoyned them and every of them.

Christofer Kenton et Thomas Skynner manuceperunt separatim sub pena 40*li.*

[p. 124, *cont.*] 29° Januarii, 1624. Coram Willelmo Maulthus, generoso, *Majore.*

Sisley Doman, spinster, saith that about [*blank*] last she was at Valentyne Skeate's house in company with Mathewe Allen, Christofer Dallicourt and a tall fellowe called Will Ballard, and did drinke with them there and they would have had her to have stayde and eate some pudding, but she did not stay with them; willed to looke to speake the truth and speake the truth at the next tyme.

Amye Skeate, the wife of Valentine Skeate:

Saith that Mathewe Allen, alias Hobbes, Christofer Dallicourt and William Ballard, and the old men (?) had used to their house; that she did never see any plate brought into her house, rapt uppe in a blacke cloth, or otherwise, at any tyme by them or any of them; nor never see any plate they had there; and that she did never send for the widowe Dorey to come to her house, to come to theise persons, or any of them, but she hath seene her goe uppe to them into their chamber in her house, but she never did intrete, or knowe of any thing she sold for them; goodwife Hobbes, Dallicort nor any of the other, did never geve or deliver any peices of silver to this Examinate, nor she never did deliver any silver to goodwief Dorey to sell; she knoweth not of any silver spoone geven by William Ballard to her grandchildren, but what gloves or girdles, he gave her, she cannot tell; neither did she ever see wydowe Dorey bringe or deliver any moneye for anything she did sell or pawne for them or any of them.

p. 125. [Eodem die, *in margin.*] Amye Jacobb saith she knoweth William Ballard whoe used lately to her grandfather's house, and she knoweth Dallicourt and William, for they did lodge togither in one bedd; she did never call or goe for wydowe Dorey to come

to them; nor she remembreth not that she was at any tyme in any chamber of theirs; she did never take or laye uppe anythinge for them; she did fetche nothinge for any of them into their chamber, but vitayles; they did never geve her any gloves, girdle or silver spoone.

Postea, 29° Januarii, 1624.

Wydowe Dorey further saith:

That she at Valentyne Skeate's house and in the kitchen did receave of William Ballard and Dallicort an ewer broken in 3 peices, with armes upon it, 8 silver spoones with a colte's foote, ij silver barrell tuns (?) with the armes scraped out, whiche she pawned for 3*li.* 2*s.* to goodwife Evens, a water man's wief; whiche 3*li.* 2*s.* she paid to them in the Hall, and for her paynes she had of them 2*s.* and 12*d.*; and afterwardes this Examinate required of them for the rest of their spoones, and they said they were gone; and they were at variance within themselves for one spoone whiche one of them had done awaye; [nota, *in margin*] and at the first when the girle brought uppe the packe to them in their chamber, it ratled, and when they had taken to her the two plates to sell, they laid the rest into their bedd, and afterwardes in the kitchen they tooke her the rest above-mencioned.

And afterwardes, in a little while, goodwife Skeate tooke this Examinate peices of broken plate, whiche she sold for 3*s.* to the gold smythe's wief, and she tooke goodwief Skeate but 18*d.* and she herself had 26*d.* and a lofe of 2*d.*, and goodwief Skeat said to this Examinate that old goodwife Hobbes gave it her for some victualls due to her whilest they were there.

[p. 126.] 29° Januarii, 1624, eodem die preantea.

Rebecca Evans saith that she lent to goodwife Dorey iiij*li.* ij*s.* uppon the plate whiche she, hearinge the troubles that many people were in about plate, caused her daughter Marye Griffen to cast it awaye into a ditche, and upon searche her daughter made it knowne to Mr. Blinkorne, and fetcht it at the first demaund.

The plate did wey 80 ounzes, being brused, broken and somethinge fowle and dirtye; ij brused plates with the Duke's armes, 8 spoones with colte's feete, ij silver barrell tuns, and a broken ewer, defaced. Delivered to Mr. Blinkorne.

2° die Februarii, 1624. Coram Willelmo Maulthus, generoso, *Majore.*

Then William Walker and Fabyan Cooke did take oath that in their hearinge at John Noble's house John Wye and Roger Ireland, being at cardes, did voluntarily sweare and prophanely take God's name in vayne. Confest per utrumque. Solverent ij*s.* ad usum pauperum.

Mondaye, 7° die Februarii, 1624.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Nicholas Gunter *, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight *, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Mr. John Saunders*, Mr. John Newman, Mr. William Kendricke*, Richard Winche, John Godderd *, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell *, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye a funerall sermon was made at St. Mary Churche by Mr. Doctor Denison for and concerninge Mr. John Kendricke, late of London, deceassed.

At this daye it was agreed that all the fines, amerciamentes and penalties accrewed before this daye uppon or by reason of the breache of any the orders shalbe fourthwith put in execution and executed in due course; nullo contradicente.

[p. 127.] 9° die Februarii, 1624.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Anthony Knight.

16° Februarii, 1624.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayor.* Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Roger Knight.

At this daye Thomas Illesley was agayne convented and questioned for enterteynement of Jerome Ferrys.

At this daye Mr. Thomas Lovell complaineth that wronge was offred him about x or xj of the clocke in the night, and abused

* Marked as absent.

by two or three, being in his owne house, vizt. George Warner, Richard Mase, William Tubbe.

Richard Mase saith that about Whitsontide last, about x of the clock in night, he was in company with William Tubbe and G. Warner, when George Warner did knocke at Mr. Lovell's dore with a crabtree cudgell, and in his company, his name is William Tubbe, but all the urgeing speaches proceeded from George Warner to Mr. Lovell, whiche tended to the assaultinge and urginge him to come fourth of his dores, and bid him remember what was . . . . at his dore.

John Durfell affirmeth the like, but knewe not the parties.

[p. 128.] Mondaye, 28° Februarii, 1624, et 21° regni regis Jacobi, etc.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayour.* Mr. Edward Clarke, Steward, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd *, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye, it being intended to perfect the rent-rolle, question was made. 1. whether the Mayour and Cheiffe Burgesses (excludinge the Secondarye Burgesses) maye dispose of the revenewe of the Corporacion. 2. or whether the Mayour, Capitall Burgesses and Secondarye Burgesses, whoe are the Common Counsell of the Boroughe, ought to dispose of the revenue of the Corporacion. Without any further counsell they proceeded and made perfect the rolle by all their consentes.

As touchinge Mr. Stewarde's fee, it is referd to the Counsell's lettres, to be expounded by the Lord of Wallingford what fee he shall have yerely.

Agreed alsoe that all the fines, forfeytures and amerciamentes upon the orders shalbe levyed fourthwith.

[p. 129.] Wensdaye, 2° Martii, 1624.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus *, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

* Marked as absent.

Mr. John Saunders*, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche*, John Godderd*, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell*, John Blake*, George Thorne, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys*, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye lettres from the Lord of Wallingford, concerninge his opinion of the Counsell's lettres, what fee Mr. Steward should have paid him yerely, vizt. vj*li.* per annum.

Voices, yea IIIIIIIIIIIIIIII } agreed that he shall have vj*li.*
The old fee III } per annum.

Overseers of strangers in eache parishe, agreed by consent till Michaellmas next.

In St. Lawrens parishe	Mr. Maulthus. Mr. Newman.
In St. Marie's parishe	Mr. Turnour. Mr. Kendricke.
In St. Giles parishe	Mr. Turnour. Mr. Blake.

Agreed the Quarter daye shalbe holden the Mondaye senight next after the Assises.

[p. 130.] Fridaye, 5° die Martii, 1624, 22° regni regis Jacobi, etc.

At this daye by vertue of his Majestie's proclamacion, dated 7° die Februarii, anno 22° regni regis Jacobi, directed to this Corporacion by his Majestie's writt, &c., theise recognizances were taken before Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayour*, Mr. Edward Clerke, justice de le quorum, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. William Iremonger.

Agreed that Widowe Dawson removing the next weeke, she shall have xij*d.* a weeke paid out of the charitable uses.

Henry Frewyn	x*li.*	Richard Wytton	x*li.*
John Barrett William Wylmer	v*li.*	Humfry Parker Francis Michell	
Nicholas Larkham	x*li.*	Frauncis Michell	x*li.*
Valentine Skeat Richard Wisdome	v*li.*	Richard Wytton Humfry Parker	
Thomas Hatton	x*li.*	Humfry Parker	x*li.*
John Barrett Robert Gallant	v*li.*	Francis Michell Richard Wytton	

* Marked as absent.

Gregorye Stevens	x*li.*	John Dey	x*li.*
Francis Thackham	v*li.*	Richard Reve	
Thomas Richardson	v*li.*	Nicholas Noble	
Edward Andrewes	x*li.*		
Richard Bennett		Robert Howell	x*li.*
John Greene		Thomas Spencer	
Roger Burden	x*li.*	Walter Rocke	
Symon Huddle			
John Greene		Thomas Spencer	
Richard Reve	x*li.*	Robert Howell	
Nicholas Noble		Walter Rocke	
John Dey			
Nicholas Noble	x*li.*	Luke Forster	x*li.*
Richard Reve		John Turnour	
John Dey		Fabyan Cooke	

Die Lune, vizt. 7° die Martii, 1624.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayour*, and Mr. Steward. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

[p. 132.] Mondaye, 14° die Martii, 1624.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayour* *. Mr. Thomas Turnour *, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

At this daye Valentine Skeate was suppressed from keeping alehouse.

Wensdaye, 16° Martii, 1624.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayour*. Mr. Edward Clerk, Sceneschal, Mr. Nicholas Gunter.

At this daye Valentine Skeate requested leave to drawe out beere untill this daye 3 weekes, and to sell the bere he hath in his house.

21° Martii, 1624, parcell of the Quarter dayes busynes, vizt. Robert Westmerland agreed and promised for.

* Marked as being present.

[p. 133.] Quarter daye, die Lune, 21° die Martii, 1624, 22° regni regis Jacobi.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayor*. Mr. Edward Clerke, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, *absent*, Mr. Roger Knight*, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, *absent*, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston*, Arther Curtys*, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns*.

At this daye xx*s*. by a generall consent was abated to Henry Frewyn of his composicion fine preantea.

At this daye it was agreed that 5*s*. per annum shalbe hencefourth abated Thomas Chaundler of his rent duringe his lease.

Memorandum, if Mr. Ratcliffe doe not serve the writt of execution before Easter terme next then some course must be taken for the proceeding and effecting thereof against Mistris Arden, executor to Mr. William Palmer.

At this daye the deed and fyne of Mr. Doctour Swaddon his guift made good by Mistris Swaddon was brought and deliverd in to the custodye of William Wylmer for the Hall to be kepte, &c.

At this daye alsoe a true copie of Mr. John Kendricke's will exemplies under the Prerogative seale was brought in, openly read and put uppe into the great chest by Mr. Mayour.

Memorandum, Mr. Thomas Turnour named his lives for his two leases: vizt.; Mr. Turnour, William Turnour, Judith Turnour.

Mr. Bateman for his leases: Mistris Ursula Bateman, William Bateman, Margarett Bateman.

Mr. John Blake: Edith his wief and Jane his daughter.

At this daye it was agreed that John Bagley shall have his lease of his shoppe for 3 lives, under the rent, herryott and condicions.

* Marked as absent.

[p. 134.] Mondaye, 28° Martii, 1625, annoque regni regis Jacobi, etc., 23°.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour*, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus*, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight*.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd*, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys*, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye (for the releivinge certen impotent, aged, sicke and needye persones, and for provision to be had to place some of them in the hospitall) it was agreed that a taxe shalbe made in the towne to raise the some of xiiij*li.*, not chargeinge any man to or with the taxe, that payeth lesse then 3*d.* per weeke, but every man that payeth 3*d.* and upwardes, to be forthwith levyed. (Respectinge some men are decayed and some others that are more hable to pay.)

Mr. Mayour taking the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poore of eache parishe.

And for the apparellinge of those poore to be placed in the hospitall, it is agreed that the Overseers in eache parishe shall raise weekly by their bookes.

St. Lawrence parishe weekly . . .	xij*d.*
St. Marye's parishe	xij*d.*
St. Giles' parishe	viij*d.*

The Bedells shall survey the streetes and take uppe all the beggers and bringe them before the next Magistrate, and he to send them to the House of Correccion by the Bedles and officers to be assistent.

Agreed with William Clayton and his wief concerninge the House of Correccion or Hospitall. They shall have the house and howsinge that Widowe Dawson held at will of this Company rent free, and to be discharged agayne uppon 3 monethes warninge. And withall they shall have provided vj boarded bedsteedes to be standerdes in that house. And for their wages they shall have iiij*li.* per annum paid quarterly; provided alwayes that they shall receave and take into their charge, keepe and sett to their worke

* Marked as absent.

all the boyes, wenches and chareweomen that shalbe sent unto them by the Mayour or his Brethren, or Overseers of the poore for the tyme beinge, able to worke, without any allowance to be had for any of them; and shall alsoe at their owne chardges fynd all those, whiche be able to worke, meate, drinke, apparell, lodgeinge and washinge in the house, soe long as they contynue there, and shall alsoe provide wheeles, cardes, beddes and bedding at their owne chardges. And also they shall receave and take into their keepeinge all young poore children of the towne, not able to gett their livinges, havinge reasonable allowance as well for their apparell as towardes their feeding, untill, &c., by the Overseers of eache parishe, &c.

[p. 135.] Wensdaye, 30 Martii, 1625.

Mr. William Maulthus*, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight*, Mr. Christofer Turnour*, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Wevers fremen complayne, &c.

Henry Walker, Gabriell Barnes, John Grenwaye, Frauncis Terroll, Joseph Jones, William Cowper, William Hulberd, George Stayre,

against Thomas Cope, senior, Thomas Cope, junior (if he leave not teaching his brother the trade and dwelleth with his master, warned), Benjamyn Westwood, apprentice, Robert Webbe (he hath served but 4 yeres), for usinge the trade of wevinge, beinge not freemen nor servinge as apprentices thereunto: confessed, v*li.*

Mondaye, 4° Aprilis, 1625.

Mr. William Maulthus*, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight*, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, William Kendricke*, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

* Marked as present.

Memorandum, to call to Mr. John Blagrave for the deedes in his handes, whiche belonge to the Hall; delivered (?), Jerome Pococke for him, &c.

Memorandum, to question the settinge fourth of stalles for strangers and especially at William Bagley's for linsey wolsey.

At this daye a taxe of xx*li.* towardes provision of thinges necessary to sett to worke in the hospitall all suche children of the said parishe, whose parentes are not able to keepe them, and for and towardes the placinge of some of those poore children to be apprentices as the lawe requireth, was made by the Church Wardens and Overseers of the poore of eache parishe within the boroughe by and with the consent and agreament of Mr. William Maulthus, Mayour, provided that noe man under ij*d.* the weeke shalbe chargede to or with this taxe, to be taxed as the colleccion booke directeth: presente.

In St. Marye's parishe	Edmund Spier Richard Stampe	Church Wardens.
	Mr. William Kendricke Mr. Thomas Forster	Overseers of the poore.
In St. Lawrence parishe	George Dewell, one of the Churchwardens.	
	Arther Lyford & Edward Johnson	two of the Overseers.
In St. Giles' parishe	Thomas Filpe, Churchwarden.	
	Richard Shayle Peter Thorne	Overseers of the poore there.

[p. 136.] Mondaye, 11° die Aprilis, 1625.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour*, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus*, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight*.

Mr. John Saunders, Mr. Doctour Denison, Mr. Theophilus Taylour, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd*, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys*, John Bagley*, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

Lease dated 22° Decembris, 1620.

At this daye and tyme Mr. John Saunders did agree to lease unto this Companye all that his garden plott, inclosed next the

* Marked as absent.

streete and adjoyning to the House of Correction, to hold from Lady day last for ten yeres yelding yerely 30*s*. haulf yerely.

Agreed that this Company shall make the wall higher on the north west side of the garden, and the wall of particion . . . ., Mr. Sanders finding stuffe; and, if he in th'end of that terme of x yeares doe not grant other ten yeres at the same rent, then he will paye the costes and chardges of making and amending the walles whiche this Company shall disburse thereaboutes.

At this daye some speaches were had with the said Ministers, concerninge the legacyes payable by Mr. John Blagrave's will, and for their resolucion in that case they have subscribed their names to a writinge extant and annexed to a copie of the will in the Hall chest in custodia. W. W.

[p. 137.] Good Fridaye, 15° Aprilis, 1625, ac j° regni regis Caroli, etc.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayour*. Mr. *Steward*, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche*, John Godderd, Robert Bent, William Brackston, George Thorne, John Dewell, John Blake*, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys*, John Bagley*, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

Agreed that Alice Blagrave, the daughter of Mr. John Blagrave, late of Coleford, and Mary Coxed, the daughter of Mistris Coxed, shalbe paid their legacyes upon certificate according to Mr. Doctour's and Mr. Taylour's order.

Maides elected to the lott:

St. Marye's parishe	9	Christian Harris, she had the purse, 6*li*. 13*s*. 4*d*.
St. Giles' parishe	6	Dorothie Baker.
St. Lawrence parishe	7	Alice Sone.

At this daye Joseph Blagrave paid in the x*li*. in a leather purse accordinge to his uncle's will, and by direccions of the will it was distributed as followeth, vizt. :—

Inprimis, To the poore maide	vj*li*. xiij*s*. iiij*d*.
To 60 poore weomen in St. Lawrence parishe	xx*s*.
To 60 poore weomen in St. Marie's parishe	xx*s*.

* Marked as absent.

To xxiiij poore weomen in St. Giles' parishe . vj*s.*
To the Preacher then in St. Lawrence Churche . x*s.*
To the Sexten at St. Lawrence Churche . iij*s.* iiij*d.*
To the Clarke of St. Lawrence Churche . . iij*s.* iiij*d.*
To the junior Churchwarden . . . iij*s.* iiij*d.*

At this daye Alexander Blagrave accordinge to his lease paid in the xx*s.* to be spent, &c., vizt.

In bread and wyne . . . . x*s.*
To the Clarke for his paynes . . . v*s.*
To the 3 Sergeantes xx*d.* a peice . . v*s.*

At this daye accordinge to William Legge's will iiij*li.* was geven to 24 poore men, vizt. :—

To 8 in St. Lawrence parishe 3*s.* 4*d.* a peice.
To 8 in St. Marye's parishe 3*s.* 4*d.* a peice.
To 8 in St. Giles' parishe 3*s.* 4*d.* a peice.

At this daye alsoe accordinge to Wydowe Worsley's will there was geven to lx poore widowes xij*d.* a peice, vizt.

In St. Giles' parishe . . . 29
In St. Lawrence parishe . . . 23
In St. Marye's parishe . . . 8

The names of all whiche doe appeare uppon the file of this yere.

[p. 138] Thursdaye, 21° Aprilis, 1625.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, William Kendrick, Richard Winche, John Godderd*, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys*, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye the Highe Sheriffe's warrant for electinge two Burgesses for this Boroughe, to be of the next Parliament, was the second tyme openly read to this Company.

At this daye alsoe lettres from the Right Honourable Lord Wallingford, concerninge the choosinge of Burgesses to serve for this Boroughe at the next Parlyament were openly read and respected, prout, etc.

* Marked as absent.

At this daye alsoe the said Mayour and Burgesses, accordinge to their warrant, did nomynate and choose two Burgesses to serve and attend the said Parliament for this Boroughe, videlicet,

Sir Frauncis Knollis, junior, Knight.
Mr. John Saunders, Esq.

23° die Aprilis, 1625.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Anthony Knight, Mr. John Saunders.

At this day it was agreed that Maye faire shalbe holden in Readinge upon Saterdaye the last daye of Aprill next, because May daye is upon Sondaye.

Seinge that the said Mayour and Burgesses at my request have named and chosen me Sir Frauncis Knollis, junior, to be one of their Burgesses for the next Parlyament to be holden, as the warrant to them directed purporteth, I doe hereby promise, graunt and agree to be, appeare and attend in the said next Parliament at myne proper costes and chardges, and that the said Mayour and Burgesses shall at all tymes stand and be clerely acquited and dischardged of and from the payment of any wages, fees or duties payable to me in that behaulfe.

[Signed] Fran: Knollys.

Seinge that the said Mayour and Burgesses at my request have named and chosen me John Saunders to be one of their Burgesses for the next Parliament to be holden as the warrant to them directed purporteth, I doe hereby promise, graunt and agree to be, apeare and attend in the said next Parliament as one of their Burgesses at myne owne costes and chardges, and that the said Mayour and Burgesses shall at all tymes, stand and be clerely acquited and dischardged of and from the payment of any wages, fees or dutyes payable to me therefore.

[Signed] Jo: Saunders.

[p. 139.] Mondaye, 25° Aprilis, 1625.

Mr. Willyam Maulthus, *Mayour*. Mr. Edward Clerk, Steward, Mr. Thomas Turnour*, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus*, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman*, Mr. Anthony Knight*.

* Marked as absent.

At this daye the Lawdaye was holden, and theise are the names of the Jurours sworne to that service, vizt.

Juratores.

Richard Winche, jurator primus, Richard Burren, George Wooldridge, Arther Lyford, Richard Lane, Salomon Russell, Nathaniell Gemott, Thomas Pococke, George Warner, Richard Hussey, William Blacknoll, Abram Wattleton, John Tanner, John Barrett, Richard Johnson, junior, Thomas Richardes, John Redford.

Their verdict to be geven upp j° August, and xij*d.* forfeiture for every default upon warning by the foreman.

Mondaye, 9° die Maii, 1625.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour*, Mr. Nicholas Gunter*, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight*.

At this daye th'accomptes of the House of Correccion were made for the yere ended at Easter last, as apeareth uppon the file for the House of Correccion.

At this daye it was agreed upon th'accomptes of the imployment of the xx pound taxe in the hospitall, it was agreed that vj*li.* more shalbe laid out in thinges necessarye about the hospitall, and that the Cofferer shal lend the money untill it shalle come in by accomptes of the wages of the House of Correccion the next yere.

11° die Maii, 1625.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayour.* Mr. Roger Knight.

At this daye Mr. Morley and Mr. Newton referd the hearinge and endinge of the controversies and accions dependinge betwene them to Mr. Mayour and Mr. Roger Knight, and they hearinge and understanding the grevances on both sides, doe award that Mr. Newton shall paye Mr. Morley x*s.* in money and all his chardges vizt. 4*s.* 8*d.* and hencefourth be freindes.

[p. 140.] 11° Maii, 1625.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayour.* Mr. Roger Knight.

At this daye Thomas Barnes was made bellman and allowed for whippinges per quarter ij*s.*

Sworne one of the Heywardes.

* Marked as absent.

Sworne to warne the lanthorne and candle light, accordinge to the orders.

Hughe Quicke } sworne Aletasters.
Henry Hulberd }

14° Maii, 1625.

Uppon Wensdaye last, beinge xj° Maii, 1625, there was hue and crye after suspitious persons that had stollen a white cloth fourth of a wayne at Thacham.

14° Maii, 1625. There was taken at Valentyne Skeate's house in Reding, by the constables, Richard Pearce and his wief, suspitious persones, and in a baskett of theirs there was found and taken a peice of white broad cloth of 3 yardes, 3 quarters, by measure.

Th' examynacion of Richard Pearce.

Saith he dwelleth in Stoe, in comitatu Gloucest', and there liveth by the trade of an imbroderer, and there hath dwelt and in the hande xv yeres or more, and about a moneth past he and his wief went from thence to London and to Debtford, and there stayed some 4 or 5 dayes, and from thence returned into Willtes to Highworth, to sell drawne workes, and travelled the cuntrye to sell suche wares, and uppon Wensdaye last was at the Devizes, and from thence to Newberye, and there stayed Thursdaye and Fridaye, and from thence this Saturdaye he and his wief and a young man whiche lodged at John Reade's house came to Reding, the young man first, and they after him, to the said Valentine Skeate's house. The young man's name is George, but what more he knoweth not, and what is become of him this Examinate knoweth not.

And as touching the cloth, saith his wief had it of the said young man called George, in the way betwene Hungerford and Newberye, but upon what termes, or to what purpose he knoweth not, and he and his wief came into this towne at night, intendinge to lodge, and to-morrowe to go to Missendon in Bucks. Commytted to gaole.

[p. 141.] Th'examynacion of George Harford.

Saith he dwelleth at St. Albons, in Hartfordshiere, and there liveth by the trade of a poulter, as servant to Robert Soberly, of St. Albons.

Saith he hath byn at Bristowe, and came from thence on Tuesday last, and on[4] Wensdaye he lodged at Marleboroughe, and from thence upon Thursday last he came to Newberye, and in the waye he overtooke a man and a wooman with a basket, and they lodged at the house of Mr. Read; and the last night he lodged at Mr. Rede's (?), and from thence he came to Reading to Mr. Valentyne's. He had no company in all his travell from Bristowe to Newberye, nor to Reading; he knoweth not Richard Pearce, nor his wief, nor never sawe them, nor either of them untill he came to Mr. Valentyne's: he was not in their companye at Mr. Reade's in Newberye. He came into this towne about sunsett, intending to lodge here, and to be gone towardes St. Albons the morowe afterwardes, 16° Maii; re-examyned, ut in proxima pagina. Sent to gaole.

[Assises, *in margin.*] Th'informacion of Oswald Northwey of Thacham.

Saith that Mondaye, the 9th of this Maye, one wayne, laden with white cloth, came into his house and there lodgede, and that night his stable wall was broken; one white broad cloth, value v*li.* was stollen and carryed awaye, the wrapper of the cart and the cart lyne was cutt, the cloth was Thomas Coleborne['s] of Wiltes, clothier, and xj cheeses taken fourth of another wayne.

Oswald O Northwey.

Cognovit se debere domino Regi xl*li.* ad prosequendum ad proximas Assisas versus omnes illos qui p . . . vel aliquam partem in . . . . habuerunt in custodia etc., apud Readinge.

Thomas Filpe cognovit se debere domino Regi v*li.* ad dandum evidenciam versus Ricardum Pearce, etc., ad proximas Assisas.

[p. 142.] Th'examynacion of Ursula Percey.

Saith she is wief to Richard Persey, of Stowe, imbroderer, and there have dwelt x or xij yeres, and about 14 dayes past came from Stowe, intending to goe to London, and she and her husband made their waye by Hungerford, and upon Fridaye last they came to Newberye, and lodged in the house of John Read that night, and in their company at Reade's house there lodged and supped one George, a young man, whiche overtooke them 3 or 4 myles before

[4] one, MS.

they came to Newbery, with whiche young man they had small acquayntance, but had seene him before at Valentyne's house in Reading, about a moneth past or thereaboutes, and when the young man overtook them on this side Hungerford, her husband and she were togither, where they lodged all the weeke; before she cannot tell, saith the baskett is her's. And being examyned howe and where she had the white cloth she brought in a baskett into Valentyne's house in Reading, saith, the young man in their company tooke her the baskett a little from Reading, and she carryed the baskett to Valentyne's house, but what was in the baskett she knoweth not, neither did she see the cloth; neither did she knowe that the cloth was in the baskett, neither did she knowe of any cloth that any of them had. They came awaye from Newbery altogither on Saturdaye morninge, and when they came nere Reading the young man came in before her husband and herself. Commytted to gaole.

Monday, 16° Maii, 1625.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter *, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight *, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger *, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

At this daye it was agreed that the Cofferer shall lend full x*li.* to finishe the hospitall, and that the wages of the House of Correccion the next yere shall repaye it to the Cofferer, vizt. the vj*li.* formerly agreed upon shalbe made uppe x*li.*

[p. 143.] 16° Maii, 1625.

George Harford beinge agayne examyned saith, he lodged in Newbery at the house of one Gardyner, Sondaye was senight at night, and Mondaye this daye senight at night he lodged at Mr. Reade's house .... in the company of Richard Pearce and his wief; and uppon Tuesday morninge they 3 went altogither towardes Illesley, and in their goeinge by the waye, they mett with a tall man, a blacke fellowe, whiche Richard Pearce called William, and he told the said Richard Pearce that he the said William had a peice of cloth whiche he would have him to sell and helpe him to money for it, and presently they went backe to the place where the cloth was hidden in a chalke pitt nere or in Benham, and then William cutt

* Marked as absent.

5 yardes of the cloth, and delivered it to the said Pearce and his wief to sell, and hidd the rest of the cloth in the same chalke pitt, and left order with the said Pearce and his wief, if they could fynd chapmen for that, they should fetche the rest and sell it, and soe the said Pearce and his wief and this Examinate went to Illesley, and there the said Pearce's wief sould that peice of cloth to a mercer dwelling in Illesley, and brought xij*s.* for it, and gave it to her husband. And from thence they 3 went to Wantage, and there they lodged ij or 3 nightes, and from thence they 3 came backe agayne to the aforesaid chalke pitt, and there tooke about 8 yardes of the said cloth, and left the rest in the chalke pitt, and from thence they 3 went to Newberye to the house of Henry Gardener and there lodged that night, and left that peice of 8 yardes with Gardener's wief, and the next morninge they 3 went backe agayne to the chaulke pitt, and then they cutt ij peices, of whiche the woman putt one peice about her body, and the other peice she putt in her baskett, whiche are about vj yardes, and they be the same peices of cloth that they brought to Readinge, and the rest of the cloth they left in the same chalke pitt, intending to fetche it soe soone as they could.

This Examinate saith he did not knowe the said William and hath not knowne the said Pearce and his wief above [a] fortnight. Sent to gaole.

[p. 144.] 17 Maii, 1625.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter*, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

For souldyers 18 to be prest in towne.

At this daye lettres subscribed by Sir Francis Knollis, Kt., and Sir Richard Lovelace, deputye-lieuetenauntes, were received for to levye and impresse within the boroughe xviij strong and able and sufficient men and fitt for service (but none of them to be of the trayned bond), and xl*s.* a man for xj of them, for impresse coates and conduct money, &c.

For the levyeinge of this presente charge, it was agreed that the xxij*li.* for the coates, conduct money, and v*li.* for chardges, shalbe levyed by 13 weekes' pay, prout, etc., with some addicions of 12*d.* a peice of some others found out whiche wilbe 20*s.*

* Marked as absent.

23° Maii, 1625.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger.

Per Church booke. In toto 27*li.* was collected. The Hall lent iij*li.* more, but 20*s.* was paid back agayne by the Constables.

At this daye and tyme for bearinge the charges of the prest souldyers kept in counter, it was agreed that the Cofferer shall lend 3 or 4*li.* untill further occasion be to raise more moneys, and then to be repaid agayne.

The names of the men whiche were imprest.

For the Towne.

Hughe Sherwood, Thomas Johnson, Justinian Edmondes, Willyam Webbe, Edward Hudson, Andrew Browne, John Jerome, John Cowbrey, Willyam Berrey, Nicholas Addams, Thomas Taylour.

Thomas Wigmore, alias Ingleton, for Tilehurst.

Theise 18 men were imprest at the first presse in December, 1624.

For the Towne.

William Collett, Patrick Hackett, John Hoodd, John Dolman, William Bevell, John Mullyns, Sacarye Mase, John Bardye, George Wylmore.

For the Cuntry.

George Willyamson, John Hatt, Anthony Belgrove, John Perse, John Woodare, John Moyle, Roger Tubbe, Thomas Wirge, Edward Bulley (?).

Memorandum, the Cuntry did allowe noe peny towardes the charge of keepinge the 18 men in Counter 13 dayes: charge 22*li.*

The charges of keeping in Counter and carige to

Newbery	7*li.*	8*s.*	4*d.*
Prest money		6	8

[p. 145.] Fridaye, x° die Junii, 1625.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Willyam Maulthus, *Mayour.* Edward Clerke, *Miles.* Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight, *absens.*

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. John Saunders, absens, 3*s.* 4*d.*, John Newman, Mr. Kendricke, Richard Winche, absens, misericordia 3*s.* 4*d.*, John Godderd, absens, misericordia 3*s.* 4*d.*, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, absens, 3*s.* 4*d.*, Arther Curtys, *egrotatus*, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns, absens 3*s.* 4*d.*

At this daye Mr. Mayour made it knowne to the Company howe and in what manner that some of xx*li.* levyed and had of th'inhabitantes, and that some of x*li.* lent by the Cofferers for and towardes the providinge thinges necessarye to sett poore children to worke in the hospitall was bestowed, and to whome, vizt. xxx*li.*

To Richard Breddes for tymber, boardes, stuffe and workmanshippe . .	xvij*li.*		
To Robert Westmerland for stuffe and worke, as by bill apeareth . . .	v*li.*		
To John Browne the smyth for yron worke	iij*li.*	x*s.*	v*d.*
To John Davys, glasier, for glasse . .	iij*li.*	v*s.*	
Not to be had upon the colleccion . .		vj*s.*	x*d.*
Some . .	xxix*li.*	ij*s.*	iij*d.*
Soe rest in hand .		xvij*s.*	ix*d.*
In toto . .	xxx*li.*		

Whiche xvij*s.* ix*d.* was apoynted to be paid towardes the buylding of a porche at the Ospitall doore, the charge of buylding not exceedinge 40*s.* Mr. Mayour paid iiij*s.* of that money to Goodwief Clayton for keepinge a boy 13 weekes.

Memorandum, more to the plomer for worke and soder at the hospitall, iij*s.* vj*d.* Item in a note, v*s.*

At this daye alsoe the charges of impressing and keepinge 18 men in daily charge 13 dayes in Counter, and for the coates and conduct money for xj of them, and for charges to carry them to Newberye, whiche in all came to xxix*li.*, was levyed in this manner; vizt. xxvij*li.* of the Towne and xl*s.* of the Hall Cofferer, whereof paid to the receyvour for coates and conduct money xxij*li.*

In charges all manner of wayes, vij*li.* as apeareth by the Constables' bills. And whereas iij*li.* was had of the Cofferer, xx*s.*

thereof was repaid to Mr. John Dewell by William Walker, constable, soe the Hall did lend but xl*s.* to that charge.

As touchinge the Sheepmarkett, it was agreed that those whiche sett sheep-pens shall pitche 4 foote beyound his herdles into the strete, and sett the hurdles 7 foote in length from the house, and not more, and every one that shall sett fourth any pens shall paye yerely ij*d.* a fote for the length of the ground he setteth his pens by his groundesill yerely by his dwellinge house to be measured by the Cofferers.

7 foote and 4 foote pens, every markett day ij*d.* a foote.

May fayre but vj*d.* a pen. Every other faire daye 4*d.* a pen.

At this daye the old rolles for the collectinge of the xv^enes^ within this boroughe for the last 30 yeres were put into the Cettle next the Chamber dore.

per W. W.

Izaak Yorke not beinge aprentice in towne useth bakinge of houshold bread (being purblynd), was not allowed a freeman.

Edward Stevens, a foreynour useth the makinge of oatmeale and cartinge within the Boroughe, not allowed free, but tollerated.

Willyam Bye, havinge served his apprentishippe in London, prayed to be allowed a freman of this Corporacion ; it was graunted by the most voyces, and agreed he shall paye for his libertie, for a fine to the Hall, xx*s.*

xx*s.* IIIIIIIIII.	Fre, IIIIIIIII.
x*s.* IIIIIIII.	Noe, IIIIIIII.
xl*s.* I.	

[p. 146.] x° Junii, 1625.

The Sheepe markett shall at all tymes be kept upon the south side of Broadstreet, betwene Cheyne Lane and the upper end of Cavyes Corner, and in noe other place, beyond or on this side, and those whiche sett forth the pens shall not sett pens to hinder passage of cartes or horse, and they shall paye their rentes at ij*d.* a foote at Michell[ma]s and Lady day. And that none shall sett fourth pens but onely those whiche shall soe paye after ij*d.* the foote for their ground by their groundsills.

The Cofferers shall fourthwith measure their liberties.

Walter Stubbes Christofer Atye Thomas Skynner Valentine Skeate [*blank*] Harrison Francis Abrey	Clothdrawers, freemen, exhibited a peticion against Nathaniell Bulsome, a stranger, clothdrawer, usinge the trade of a clothdrawer, to the great hinderaunce of those poore men. Left to Mr. Mayour to doe as he thinke good, &c.

At this daye it was (upon the hearinge of the complaynt of Oatmealle sellers for beinge opprest by payeinge iiij*s.* a peice for their stallage,) it was agreed that Salomon Russell shall take but onely vj*d.* a quarter for their stallage.

At this daye it was agreed that Steven Foorde's wief shall contynue sellinge of aperninge, as heretofore, and that the other woman usinge to sell suche stuffes at William Bagley's dore shalbe forbidden, and shall not hencefourth be permitted to sell in the boroughe, &c.; and William Bagley shalbe warned.

[p. 147.] xxij° die Junii, 1625.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman.

At this daye Richard Feilder complained for that Richard Smyth did take George Hone, his sonne in lawe, to be his apprentice by Indenture for 7 yeres, and nowe of late the said Richard Smyth hath absented himself, and hath not provided meanes for the apprentice to worke, or to have meat and drinke and lodgeinge, but hath left him destitute and vagrant, &c.

Jane, Richard Smythe's wief, convented, aunswered that her husband is out of towne, and will be at home within fortnight or 3 weekes. And nowe, to prevent the boye's idlenes, Mr. Mayour and his Brethren requested Richard Booth, the shoomaker, to sett him to worke untill his master come home to provide worke for him, and in the meane tyme Richard Feilder shall paye Richard Smythe's wief xij*d.* a weeke.

Mondaye, 27° die Junii, 1625.

Mr. Willyam Maulthus, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus*, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger*, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight*.

* Marked as absent.

At this daye the warrant to muster the trayned bond was agreed to be performed, and ten men for supplyes apoynted, and the iiij^{or} to be trayned for the Hall were apoynted.

29 Junii. Roger Frauncis, an alehouskeeper, at this daye, was forbidden and warned to geve over alehouskeepinge.

1° die Julii, 1625.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter *, Mr. Robert Maulthus *, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger *, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

It beinge said that the plague is mistrusted to be in John Parre's house, by reason a child of his is dead full of blue spottes in his house, therefore it is agreed and thought fitt that watchmen and searchers shalbe fourthwith provided for that busynes, and a taxe of the inhabitantes to beare the chardges, and to releive the poore visited people, if any be, and that in the meane tyme the Cofferer shall lay out 3 or 4, or 5*li*. Thomas Marshall sworne to watche that they keepe house and fetche them thinges necessarie, and for his paynes he shall have viij*d*. a daye.

13° Julii, 1625.

At this daye Marye Jerome wydowe was sworne to be a viewer and searcher of all the bodyes that shall dye within this boroughe, and truly to report and certifye to her knowledge of what disease they dyed, &c.; and Anne Lovejoy, widowe, jurata: 4*s*. a weeke a peice, allowing iiij*s*. a moneth after.

[p. 148.] Mondaye, the iiijth of July, 1625.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger.

At this daye it was informed that the Assises are apoynted to be holden at Readinge, Mondaye, the xviijth of July, 1625, and soe it was, &c.

It was nowe moved that prep[ar]acion should be made for their enterteynement: agreed. The Judges to be enterteyned at Mr. Thomas Turnour's house, (he beinge at noe damage.) The Clarkes of the Assises at Mr. Bateman's house and Mr. Blake's, as heretofore.

* Marked as absent.

The present for the Judges' interteynement.

4 Barrells of beere.
7 Gallons of sacke.
ij Gallons of clarett.
1 Mutton.
1 Veale.

ij^{obus} Seneschallis pro tempore, x*s.* a peice, si etc. Solutum fuit, verum est.

The Judges' men at private houses to [be] lodged, prout patet in the bill. Their horses at Christofer Kenton's.

The Clarkes of Assises' horses at Hinde Hedd.

Postea, Wensdaye, 6° Julii, 1625.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour.

At this daye the Inholders and chiefe Victualers were called and advised to provide and to use all men well, that there be noe complayninge of ill usage; and as touchinge their goodwill towardes their interteynement, there is nothinge required of them but amongest themselves to doe what they thinke good, and to doe noe otherwise, but as they shall and will contynue at all other Assises.

George Dewell, Richard Reve, Christofer Kenton, Thomas Hatton, Danyell Clere.

[p. 149.] Mondaye, xj° die Julii, 1625.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight *, Mr. John Saunders.

At this daye the master Botemen, vizt. John Nashe, Symon Dye and Henry Crosse were in the Hall openly charged and forbidden the bringinge of any passengers or houshold goodes within the towne, at their perills, and that they would be carefull in all their doeinges, &c. And that they shall not bringe any goodes into Readinge, nor to be brought into Reading, or the libertyes thereof, if they doe, their owne howses shalbe the first shutt uppe, &c.

* Marked as absent.

[p. 148, cont^d.] Assise tente 18° Julii, 1625.

At this Assises it is very true the Inholders and Vintners and Victlers gave noe gratuitye to the stewardes, nor ells; it is true they did intend somethinge, but the uncertenty of the Assises beinge holden here (in regard of the suspected visitacion) nothinge was done by them. per W. W.

Memorandum, that Mr. Mayour hencefourth alwayes advise the sergeantes that they arrest noe man (sedente Curia Assisarum) infra Burgum, without Mr. Mayour's consent, (nisi imprisonentur) ad periculum.

[p. 149, cont^d.] Mondaye, 21° Julii, 1625.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus*, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, *absent*, Mr. Anthony Knight.

At this daye Mr. Thomas Turnour exhibited his bill of chardges concerning the enterteyninge of the Judges at his house, the use of beddes, beddinge, lynnen, woollen, brasse, pewter, and helpers in all attendaunces at this Assises, and it was agreed that in the payment he shalbe paid 3*li.* 10*s.* 0

To Richard Bredde for stuffe and workmanshipp about the schoole house, and coveringe the well	0	16	4
ij Gallons sacke	0	08	0
ij Gallons clarett	0	05	4
1 Mutton			
1 Veale			
Stewardes	1	00	0

As touchinge the faire agreed to keepe ward henceforth, vizt.:

6 every daye untill the faire-even.

12 the even.

12 the daye.

12 the next daye.

Afterwardes 6, as occasion shalbe: all theise shalbe warned accordinge to the watche, and their wages shalbe raised accordinge to the rule of the watche.

* Marked as absent.

[p. 150.] Mondaye, the first of August, 1625.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight*, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight*.

At this daye Richard Breddes exhibited a bill of charges for 2 cabbinges in Conditt close, 28° Julii, 1625, and for makinge a coffin to bury the dead, whiche in all is v*li.* v*d.*: to be paid, etc. super filum paret.

At this daye question was made for a taxe to releive the visited people, searchers, and attendantes about the visited people within the boroughe, x*li.* or more being expended.

Agreed that a tax of xx*li.* shalbe levyed of th'inhabitantes to beare the chardges of all those visited people, &c., to be disposed by the discretion of Mr. Mayour and his Constables, provided not to charge any half peny men.

At this daye Mary Holte was sworne to be a searcher of the dead bodyes hencefourth dyeinge within the boroughe (beinge thereunto required), havinge iiij*s.* a weeke for her wages, and iij*d.* a corps carryeing to buryall, and iiij*s.* a weeke a moneth after the ceassinge of the plague, &c., x*s.* in hand, and promised to be respect in some other kinde.

Mondaye, 8° Augusti, 1625.

Mr. Willyam Maulthus, *Mayour*. Sir Edward Clerke*, Knight, Mr. Thomas Turnour*, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus*, Mr. Roger Knight*, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger*, Mr. Walter Bateman*, Mr. Anthony Knight*.

At this daye it was agreed and for the better preventinge the increase of the visitacion of the plague in this Corporacion, it is ordered, &c.

If any inhabitant shall at any tyme hereafter, duringe the infeccion of the plague, receive or take into his house any persone or persones, goodes, wares or merchandize that cometh or is brought from London, then every suche offendour shalbe shutt uppe into his owne house by the space of a moneth, to be kept in at his owne chardges &c. ut patet in le file.

* Marked as absent.

[p. 151.] Mondaye, 15° Augusti, 1625.

Mr. Willyam Maulthus, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Willyam Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

Sir Frauncis Knolles, Sir Thomas Vachell, Sir Edward Clerke, presente.

Memorandum, to call for the overplus of the money paid to the settinge out of xj souldyers, at the rate of xl*s*. a man, paid by warrant from the Deputy-Lieutenauntes at the last impresse.

Sir Frauncis Knolles beinge presente at the movinge of the question concerninge the taxacion of 40*s*. a man, ut supra, it was willed that it should be questioned in tyme and place fittinge, &c., for there was some overplus to be restored or ells to be kept in banke untill the next impresse, &c.

Tuesdaye, 16° Augusti, 1625.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour[5], Mr. William Iremonger.

Edward Wigmore
John Dickes } Sworne to be watchmen.

The brewers compounded for all their former amerciamentes and paid.

17° Augusti, 1625.

Mr. William Maulthus, [*Mayour*]. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger.

Then John Atkyns, the bargeman, for some causes was warned to remove the two weomen he tooke into his house contrarye to the orders in that behaulfe made, and he promised to doe it.

Then Abraham Edwardes was forbidden to bring any goodes from London into this towne, and he himselfe and his men to keepe their barge (if he doe goe, &c.).

[p. 152.] Fridaye, 19° Augusti, 1625.

Mr. Willyam Maulthus, *Mayour*. Sir Edward Clerke, Knight, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus *, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour *, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

* Marked as absent.

[5] Knight, MS.

John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd *, Robert Bent, William Brackston, George Thorne, John Dewell, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys *, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye a copie of a lettre sent from 4 of the Lordes of the Counsell to the High Sheriffe, concerning the removinge the markett and staple of cloth from thence to some other convenyent and more safe place, untill it shall please Almightie God of his goodnes to cease the violence of the contagion, was openly read, requiringe him to cause two sufficient and well experienced clothiers to attend the Board at Southham', 23° Augusti, to deliver their opinions unto what severall townes and places they fittest the staple of cloth should be removed, &c. Subscribed James Ley, Th. Edmondes, J. Maundeville, Jo Suckling.

To our lovinge freind the Highe Sheriffe of the County of Berkes.

Richard Burren saith that Edward Richardson did nayle uppe a dore in his entry to keepe in his people, Thursdaye, 18° Augusti, 1625, about 3 a clocke in the afternoone.

[p. 153.] Mondaye, 22° Augusti, 1625 [6], et 1° domini regis Caroli.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus *, Mr. Roger Knight *, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger *, Mr. Walter Bateman *, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

Wensdaye, 24° Augusti, 1625.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayour*. Sir Edward Clerke, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour.

The names of the Jurye sworne by the Clerke of the Markett, vizt.:—Richard Joyes, Christofer Blower, Christofer Goad, Arther Hooker, Humfry Evans, Thomas Lane, William Wimpey, Richard Scelye, George Millisent, Edward Bagley, David Elkes, Edward Slarke, Henry Walker, Richard Stampe, John Tenche, Thomas Willys.

Mondaye, 29° Augusti, 1625.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter *, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr.

* Marked as absent. [6] 16025, MS.

Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

[p. 154.] Tuesdaye, 30 Augusti, 1625.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour *, Mr. Nicholas Gunter *, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman *, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

Sir Frauncis Knollys, Sir Thomas Vachell, Sir Edward Clerke, John Saunders, Esq.

At this daye it was ordered and agreed by the said Justices that henceforwardes all the moneys contributed uppon the Wensdayes shalbe weekly delivered to the said Mayour, by him to be geven and distributed to and amongest those poore people visited with the plague and shutt uppe within the Boroughe, accordinge to the direccions of the booke of orders.

And it is further by us ordered accordinge to the direcions geven by his Majestie in this behaulf that the benevolence of the people weekly collected on the Wensdaye shalbe faithfully distributed for the keepinge of the poore shutt uppe, and visited with this affliccion. And that the collectours that shall not paye the same weekly, as the same is collected, to Mr. Mayour, shalbe commytted by Mr. Mayour untill they fynd sureties for the[ir] good behaviour.

And it is thought fitt that the Collectours doe take notice of suche as shall not beare their benevolence in this behaulf. And that there shalbe a competent number of watchmen at the discretion of the Mayour imployed for the watching of the houses infected and suspected, and the pest house, and likewise for keepinge out of the towne all suspected persones, and that this maye be the better performed, suche sufficient persones in every parishe, as Mr. Mayour shall apoynt, shall daily walke in their severall parishes to see that the watchmen doe their dutyes herein, Mr. Mayour to comytt them untill they fynd suertyes for their good behaviour.

[p. 155.] Election daye. Thursdaye, j°. die Septembris, 1625, annoque regni regis Caroli.

Capitall Burgisses.

Mr. Willyam Maulthus, *Mayour*. Sir Edward Clerke, Seneschall, Mr. Thomas Turnour *, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus,

* Marked as absent.

Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. John Saunders*, John Newman, William Kendricke*, Richard Winche, John Godderd*, Robert Bent, William Brackston*, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, absent, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley*, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye the said Mayour and Capitall Burgisses by direcions of their chartre did nomynate and apoynt iij of the Capitall Burgisses to sitt in eleccion to th'intent and end that one of those 3 shalbe elected and chosen Mayour for the next yere, as the chartre directeth, and is required, &c.

1. Mr. Roger Knight IIIIIIIIIIIIIII [14]. Mayour elect.
2. Mr. Christofer Turnour.
3. Mr. William Iremonger.

Abraham Watlington, Old Venter, Richard George, William White, John Watleton, Roger Walker, Christofer Blower, William Curtys: complayne that one Mr. Smyth, a forreynour, receyveth into this towne wares from London weekly, and selleth it daily to strangers within this Corporacion, contrary to the orders of this borough to the great hurt of the tradesmen of this boroughe, vizt.: hempe, mather, oyle, galles, sope and other wares.

[p. 156.] 2° Septembris, 1625.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayour.*

Timothie Banister complayneth that Izaak Croome hath defamed his wief, and made his boast he kist her, and could kisse her and see her body at his pleasure. Called his Master borepig, bedle of the beggers, and would have him tost in a blankett in the markett place.

Witnesses, Henry Horsenayle. Annanias Hobbes.
John Marsey. Nathaniell Hersey.
Francis Carter.

John White affirmeth that Henry Merne on Tuesdaye night last, *juratus*, he thinketh in his conscience he was drunke, and that Merne did then curse and sweare grevously.

Mondaye, 5° Septembris, 1625.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayour.* Sir Edward Clerke, Mr. Roger Knight, elect, Mr. Thomas Turnour*, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr.

* Marked as absent.

Robert Maulthus *, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

At this daye the busynes concerning Mr. Smyth and Mr. Batemas [*sic*] was in question, and allowed of, and Mr. Mayour hath apoynted. Agreed alsoe that William Sanders and Mr. West having byn shutt uppe 5 or 6 weekes shalbe sett at liberty.

Tuesdaye, 6° Septembris, 1625.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayour*. Mr. Roger Knight, elect, Mr. Thomas Turnour *, Mr. Nicholas Gunter *, Mr. Robert Maulthus *, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman *.

Sir Francis Knollis, Sir Thomas Vachell, Sir Edward Clerke.

At this daye th'accomptes of the taxe of xx*li.* for releife of the visited people, and vij weekes, Wensdayes' benevolence, were taken, ut patet super filum, and v*li.* had of the Cofferer.

8° Septembris, 1625.

At this daye William Conwaye was warned to forbeare his goeing to London and bringing in of goodes into the liberty (?), &c. He promised for himself and his two men not to come or bring in any from the fe. . . .

9° Septembris, 1625.

The Constables' accomptes.

The charge of those ten prest men expended by the Constables, whereof 8 went for the towne.

Prest money allowed by Justices:	[*li.*	*s.*	*d.*]
For dyett of the x prest men	1	3	4
For horse hire to Newbery	0	12	0
For horsemeate	0	04	0
For charges in goeing to Newbery, in drink . .	0	5	0
For dyett of the Constable and officers to Newberye .	0	17	6
For apparell for Powell and Pryer . . .	0	10	0
	3	11	10
For 8 coates, 16[*s.*] a coate	6	08	0
	9	19	10
To the drummer			12
	10	00	10

* Marked as absent.

To raise that x*li.* a taxe shalbe raised amongst th'inhabitantes, vizt. of those whiche pay 3*d.* a weeke and upwardes, and some ij*d.* men, whiche are sufficient. By direccions of Mr. Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Bagley, Mr. Bye, Mr. Curtys, Mr. Blake.

Theise are the names of those ten [7] men whiche were prest in the towne upon the last presse, comaunded 7° Septembris, 1625, vizt:—

Izaake Croome, John Nicholls, John Belson, Edmund Doling, Anthony Porter, Richard Poole, Thomas Powell, Christofer Pryer.

Roger Camyll, for Benham.

Henry Sloman, for Whitley.

Thursdaye, 15° Septembris, 1625.

Mr. William Maulthus, *Mayour.* Sir Edward Clerke, Mr. Roger Knight, elect, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter*, Mr. Robert Maulthus*, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger*, Mr. Walter Bateman*, Mr. Anthony Knight*.

Mr. John Saunders*, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche*, John Godderd*, Robert Bent*, William Brackston, John Dewell*, George Thorne, John Blake*, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren*, John Jenyns*.

Sir Francis Knollis*, Sir Edward Clerke, Mr. Doctour Denison, Mr. Dicus (?), Mr. Thomas Taylour.

At this daye lettres from the Lord Bishoppe of Sarum, directed to Mr. Mayour and his Brethren, concerning the setlinge of a lecture in this towne, either upon one man at charge, or upon divers neighbour[ing] ministers within the Deanery gratis, dated 8 Septembris, were openly read.

Voices { upon one at charge.
upon divers gratis IIIIIIIIIIIIII [13].

Agreed alsoe that the lecture shalbe read yerely in the Churche of that parishe where Mr. Mayour dwelleth. And that but one sermon shalbe in the afternoone every Saboth daye (exceptinge funerals or some urgent cause), and that the bell shalbe rung at that charge where the sermon shalbe by course every Saboth.

Postea 16 Septembris.

Mr. William Iremonger his voice to divers gratis.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter.

[7] Substituted for *eight.* * Marked as absent.

[p. 158.] Mondey, 19° Septembris, 1625.

Mr. Willyam Maulthus, *Mayour.* Mr. Roger Knight, elect, Mr. Thomas Turnour*, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus*, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight*.

At this daye consideracion was had of the chardges concerninge the visited people in the pest house, searchers, buryers and warders, and other chardges, and of the mayntenance, &c. It was agreed that a taxe of 8*li.* shalbe had of th'inhabitantes by 3 weekes taxe, exceptinge haulf-penny men.

Leave was geven to Venter to fetche home his salte, he washinge his sackes at the wharffe. [Licence, *in margin.*] Edward Bagley to have his fishe, he washinge it well at the wharffe. Robert Stevens for his sope, he first washinge his barrells at the wharffe. John Bagley his fishe and salte, he doeing likewise.

23° Septembris, 1625.

Robert Webbe wever claymed his fredome of the towne, by reason of his service with Edward Allowaye.

Opposed by Joseph Jones
John Grenwaye } fremen wevers.
William Hulberd

Confessed that Robert Webbe went fourth of towne when he had served 4 yeres, and hath wrought, alloweing his master some allowance, with other men for 2 or 3 yeres more, and soe there is 2 yeres and a half, or thereaboutes, whiche shalbe performed with some other man. Promised by John Webbe. It shalbe aunswered on Wensdaye next.

Agreed that Kenton shall have his sonne out of the Cunditt close, making him a cabbyn and providinge him newe apparell, and burninge the rest.

[p. 159.] Quarter daye, Fridaye, 23° Septembris, 1625, annoque primo regni regis Caroli.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Willyam Maulthus, *Mayour.* Mr. Roger Knight, elect, Sir Edward Clerke, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

* Marked as absent.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. John Saunders *, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd *, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, absent, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, absent, Richard Burren, absent, lic., John Jenyns.

At this daye a lease of 99 yeres, for 3 lives, of the house late John Purnell's, was graunted to Henry Walker at iij*li.* rent and x*li.* fine, presently paid into the Cofferer's handes; 30*s.* herryott, &c., and usuall covenauntes, &c.

Libertie to name his lives and to take his lease at any tyme duringe 4 yeres and a haulf next.

At this daye John Myles, one of the leather seallers, was discharged (reservinge his fees due till Michaellmas) and graunted to William Mahewe.

At this daye Steven Foorde's wive's request and complaynte: it was graunted that William Bagley's stranger, selling aperninge in contempt of the governement, shalbe questioned, &c.

Memorandum,	John Aldworth . .	xv*s.*
	Thomas Ryder . .	v*s.*
	John Poles . .	v*s.*
	To Mr. Dewell . .	xxix*s.*
	To Cowper's daughter .	v*s.*
	To Steven Good .	v*s.*

At this daye it was agreed that Richard Booth, shoemaker, havinge byn well a moneth since his sicknes [*sic*].

At this daye William Blackman, a taylour, beinge not apprentice in towne, was forbidden before all the Companye, and not to use taylour's trade in Reading.

At this daye the Shepe pens were agayne in question to be rented at 3*d.* a foote, each man his owne, or ells he that will.

Richard Bredes hath at his dore 20 foote, that is 30*s.* per annum from Michaellmas next.

Mistris Burningham hath . . .	18 foote.
Walter Samuell hath . . .	24 foote.
Henry Foord hath	08 foote.
Thicke hath	10 foote.
Symon Cane	30 foote.

* Marked as absent.

Wensdaye next shalbe aunswered, if they refuse; Henry Spier shall rent at 15*s.*

[p. 160.] Eodem 23° Septembris, 1625, 1° regni regis Caroli, etc.

Mr. William Kendricke, in consideracion of 2000*li.* to be paid him when it cometh in by Mr. John Kendricke's will, agreeth to sell and convey to the Corporacion all his dwelling-house and out-howses, backsides and gardens, aswell freehold as leasehold, with all the glasse, waynscott, dores, lockes and keyes in and about the premisses, and alsoe all that his farme and landes, tenementes and hereditamentes in North streete and Tylehurst, whiche he late purchased of Mr. John Reve and others; and all the deedes and evidences, &c., to be conveyed and assured as Counsell shall advise, upon the payment of the money.

Agreed that Mr. Kendricke shall have tyme of riddance of the premisses of Reading untill Christmas come twelve moneth, and the Mayour and Burgisses to have libertie to buyld at their pleasures. And the Mayour and Burgesses to enter and have the rent of the farme and landes due at Lady day next, but Mr. Kendricke shall have haulf the half yere's rent whiche shalbe due at Lady day next.

Received xij*d.* in earnest. William Kendricke.

30° Septembris, 1625.

Then it was agreed that Phillip Shiler shall have a licence to vittell or to keepe a vitling house, soe as he geve sufficient bond to paye 40*s.* a yere to Wydowe Belgrove towardes the keepinge of her children, soe longe as he shall keepe vitlinge. And seeing the licence cannot nowe be graunted, he was promised to have his licence the first that shalbe sealed and in the meane tyme to proceed, and to paye the woman after the rate of 40*s.* per annum hencefourth.

[p. 161.] Mondaye, 26° die Septembris, 1625, j° regni regis Caroli.

Mr. Willyam Maulthus, *Mayour* *. Mr. Roger Knight, elect, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus *, Mr. Christofer Turnour *, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

* Marked as present.

lyam Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour*, Mr. Willyam Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman*, Mr. Anthony Knight*.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, Robert Bent, George Thorne, John Blake, John Bagley, John Jenyns, Anthony Brackston, Richard Burren.

At this daye the Lawe daye was holden for this Boroughe before the said Mayour, Steward and Burgesses, &c.

Nomina Juratorum.

Robert Bent John Bagley Robert Dye Peter Burningham Edward Bagley William Walker Richard Johnson, junior Willyam Thorne William Densill	jurati.	Robert Terroll Richard Shaile Francis Buckridge Edmond Spier Richard Godderd William Mylles Thomas Illesley Edward Richardson Richard Horsingdon	jurati.
Robert Bent John Bagley Robert Dye Peter Burningham William Walker	Affirers, jurati.	Libertie to geve uppe their verdict untill Tuesdaye come senight.	

At this daye Sir Edward Clerke brought in the roles of the Law day holden at Aprill last before Mr. William Maulthus, Mayour.

At this daye lettres from the Lord Bishopp of Sarum concerninge the lecture were read in the Counsell Chamber.

At this daye alsoe lettres from the Lordes of His Majestie's Most Honourable Privey Counsell, concerning the terme and the restraynt of receyvinge goodes and persones from London, and to and from London in and to this towne were openly read twise in the Law daye before and in the hearinge of all the people presente.

19° Octobris, 1625.

At this daye George Wooddington, a stranger, taylour, hath lived [here] a quarter of a yere; was complayned on by the

* Marked as absent.

Constables for misdemeanours on Sondaye night last in the streete at midnight to the disquiet of neighbours.

[p. 164.] 20° Octobris, 1625. Coram Rogero Knight, *Majore*, et Johanne Sanders, armigero.

Then Jane Dawson, the wief of Walter Dawson did say, that the said Walter Dawson, her husband, doth nowe dwell at Lenton in Nottingham-shiere within a myle of Nottingham towne, and there hath dwelt ever synce Christmas last.

And saith alsoe that her husband hath oftentymes told her that he had delivered to Edward Lake of Southampton a hundred poundes in golde, whereof v*li.* thereof was small golde, parte of the money which was Mr. Kendricke's money, and that her husband did send her to the said Edward Lake for some money, and to knowe of him what was become of the 47*li.* that was adventured to the sea. The said Lake aunswered her that the 47*li.* was lost at sea in the shippe that was lost, about Michellmas was twelve moneth, and of the rest she had of him 40*s.* in money and a peice of black sarge wourth some 50*s.* or thereaboutes, and a peice of white[8] sarge, all rated to her at 4*li.* 4*s.*, or thereaboutes. And as to the rest of the 100*li.* the said Lake aunswered her that her husband nor she should have noe more. And the said Edward Lake told this Examinate that he knewe his house was to be searched concerning Mr. Kendricke's gould, and he, to prevent the fyndinge of the gould in his house, presently bought sarges and laid out all the money.

And further she saith that the said Lake told her that he had delivered to Robert Gallant certen goodes for this Examinate, and that Gallant did deteyne from her as much as were worth twenty nobles, and that Lake did saye there was xx nobles lost, or to that effect.

John Higges, servant to Mr. Kendricke, is to goe to Nottingham.

[p. 165.] 24° die Octobris, 1625.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus*, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger*, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight*.

[8] w^t, MS. * Marked as absent.

At this daye Mr. Robert Saunders, clerke, complayned that formerly he had bound a sonne apprentice to Richard Blackman, shoomaker, confessinge the boye had offended, and prayed the apprentice maye be taken agayne into his Master's service.

1. The apprentice saith that a woman called Luce Merrifeild had a paire of shooes of the vj^{es} and paid him vj*d.* or viij*d.* in money and promised more.

2. Goodwife Symes or (?) her daughter had a paire or ij and paid viij*d.* a paire for them.

2. The Runinge begger called Cowper had a paire for himself of the tens, and j pair for his wief of the 6, 8*d.*

3. Grip's youth, Robert Cowper (?) had 3 pair of the x, and had of him 8*d.* a paire.

John Nethercliffe saith he never had any lether of Richard Blackman's boy, nor ever had any dealinges.

The boye sent to the house of correccion.

26° Octobris.

Thomas Towne
William Densill } jurati, Constables.

Fridaye, 28° Octobris, 1625.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour.* Sir Edward Clarke, Knight, Mr. Roberte Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman.

In regard of the great busynes like to ensue in this towne by reason of the terme apoynted to be holden there.

William Horne
John Cale } jurati, searchers of cloth, and bound in 40*li.* a peice to performe the same office in all thinges.

At this daye complaynt was made by Widowe Moore the farmer of the Buchers Shambles, that Phillip Tomee keepeth stall and selleth fleshe in the Shambles in the weeke daye, and denyeth payment of any rent therefore. Yt was ordered that hencefourth he and every townes-man keepinge stall there in any of those Shambles shall paye to the farmer thereof ij*d.* a daye, for every daye he selleth fleshe there, besides the markett and faire dayes. And the cuntry buchers to make their agreament for themselves.

[p. 166.] 30° Octobris, 1625.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour.* Sir Edward Clerke, Knight, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. John Saunders.

John Frauncis, the gardener, exclaymeth against Mr. Mayour with lowd voice, and affirmeth to all his companyons that the Mayour seeketh [and] doeth him wronge, and goeth aboute to undoe him, and denyeth that his cart shall not helpe to carry awaye the soyle. Acknowledgeth his fault, and craved pardon, beinge in his hast: and remittitur.

Mr. Thomas Lovell came with Agnes, the wife of Thomas Bagley, complayneth that the last night he turned her fourth of his house, and she hath neither meat, drinke, nor money, and Richard Bagley his uncle tooke her into his house, and in the night tyme came with his father and brought a sword, comaunding her out of house and threatned to kill her, and caused her to lye in streete all night. Uppon the hearinge of both parties he was perswaded and promised to take her home, and to provide for her.

The names of the Jurye for the Clerke of the Markett } sworne the last of October, 1625.

Thomas Chaundler, primus	jurati.	Clement Kent	jurati.
Arther Liford		Thomas Richardes	
Robert Jones		John Browne	
James West		Thomas Iremonger	
Richard Waller		John Tanner	
John White		Richard Emmerton	
Thomas Pynnocke		Peter Thorne	
John Johnson, alias Joseph		William Plomridge	
		Francis Terroll	

John Gaerey complayned that Francis Bramley, an apprentice to John Barnes, was dischardged from his Master, because the boy did lacke meat and drinke, and all other needfull thinges, &c. John Barnes shall paye x*s.* in money, vizt. v*s.* at Christmas, and v*s.* at Lady daye, and the bedd presently to John Garey.

Richard Glover of Hurst.

[p. 167.] 9° Novembris, 1625.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour*. Mr. Nicholas Gunter.

At this daye Richard Smyth, shoomaker, requested to have Richard Hone his apprentice restored to him.

The former order examined. Saith he is not hable to keepe him as a master shoomaker, yet he will have the benefitt of his service as the lawe will geve leave. Agreed that Richard Feilder shall paye xx*s*. to Richard Smyth and deliver uppe the Indenture within 14 dayes next, and Mr. Mayour shall assigne him to Richard Booth.

10 Novembris, 1625. Coram Rogero Knight, *Mayour*.

William Andrewes, servant to the Bishoppe of London complayneth that the last night, being Wensday night, about 9 or 10 of the clocke in the eveninge, he beinge at the signe of the White Harte in Reading, to speake with Mr. Bouth (?), Under Sheriffe of Herefordshiere, had his purse in nature of a table book-case, with 9 or 10 poundes of money, vizt. 6 22*s* peices, 2 11*s*. a peice, one xx*s*. peice, and 4 5*s*. 6*d*. peices, and 2 5*s*. peices, and a small peice of gould, sent by him to deliver to a freind for a token, and certen bone lace taken out of his pockett by some of the company then and there present, whereof he suspecteth two men, (because they were at play in the house with another man, and j of them begun to playe and the other ended the playe,) vizt. Benjamyn Portlocke, of Phillip Lane in London, and saith there liveth by the calling of an Attorney, in the Kinge's Benche, and came nowe to Reading to followe his busynes at the terme, and lodged at the house called the White Hart, and thither came into his company, one Richard Marburye, a stranger, unknowne to this Examinate, and this Examinate, with one Mr. Jones and another stranger, were at play with 4 dyce, and the said Richard Marbury became haulves with this Examinate, and stood by looking upon the playe, and there stood by the said William Andrewes, the Complaynant, but this Examinate knewe not the said Andrewes, nor the said Marberye, but knewe the said Jones, and not the third man.

And this Examinate remembreth that before the play was ended they stirred from the bale, the saide Complaynant cryed out that he had lost his purse.

Th' examynacion of Gilbert Jones, soliciter, dependinge in parte under Sir Walter Pye, th'attorney in the Court of Wardes, saith that the last night in the evening he went with others to the White Hart, and there was in the house one Marbery, whiche this Examinate did partly knowe, and the said Marberye spake wordes desiringe company to play at dice or at mawe for 5*li.* or what they would, and soe this Examinate and ij or iij more went to playe, and the said Marbery was one of them and was haulves with one of the other of the company, but there was not above 7 or 8*s.* woone or lost amongest them, and the said Marbery it should seeme was goeing to bed, and came downe without his dublett, with a cloke cast upon his shoulders and begun and sette to playe.

[p. 168.] Th' examynacion of Richard Marbery, of London, livinge there by the trade of a silkman.

Saith that he came to Redinge about his sutes in lawe, whiche he followeth against Mr. Godson of Lincolnes Inne, for Mistris Bredey, of White Crosse streete, and came to towne on Monday morning last and lodgeth at the White Harte, and that it is true he was in his chamber goeing to bed, and came downe intending to goe into the backside, without dublett and stockinges, but did not move the company (?) to playe, but one Mr. Jones being then there with others, some of them called to playe, and that he did not intend any suche thinge, for he never played in all his lief tyme, but this Examinate did then deliver to one of the company, whose name he knoweth not, being formerly servant to Mr. Crompton, x*s.*, agreeing to be halves with him, and stood by the gamesters whilest they were at playe, neither did this Examinate see or knowe the Complaynant before the last night. He hath lodged and dyetted at the White Harte ever since his coming to towne, and saith he did geve x*s.* to a boy to call the Constable, because he was abused by the company. Noe acquayntance with Mr. Jones, nor with the other that was his partener in playe.

Required to fynd sureties to appere at [*sic*].

11° Novembris, 1625. Coram Rogero Knight, *Majore.*

George Woodd saith he liveth in London, in Clerkenwell parishe, and there liveth keepinge a victualling house and chandeler shoppe x yeres past, and saith the cause of his cominge to this towne is that

he came with his freind from London that went to Bristoll, and being 4 or 5 myles beyonde Theale came backe and lodged in Reading at the house of James Hulbert, and had noe company on Wensdaye in the afternoone, and there stayd that night, and the next daye there was company in the house, but he had noe acquantance with them. He brought noe goodes into the house. Comitted untill he fynd suretyes.

Nathaniell Stanbrooke.

Saith he liveth at Grenwiche in Kent, and there liveth by meanes of his freindes, vizt. father, yeoman, and mother, and came from Burford to this towne upon Wensdaye last about noone, noe company, and lodged at a bashe (?) and there was company, but not of his acquayntance. He brought noe goodes into the house, nor did not intend to staye in towne, noe certificate, noe acquayntance in towne, neither was he in any house or inne in this towne, but was in the courtes Wensdaye night. Formerly burnt in hand. Vagrant. Sent to house of correccion.

[p. 169.] Eodem die. Walter Garland.

Saith he dwelleth in St. John's streete, in London, and there liveth by the trade of a silkwever, and came to this towne upon Wensday last, in the afternoone, and lodged at the house of one Hulberd; noe company came with him into towne. He hath noe busynes in this towne, and the cause whie he stayd was to stay for one Guy his neighbour, to goe with him to London, he promising him to ride some parte of the waye towardes London. Noe certificate, noe goodes he brought in towne with him. Suspected to be burnt in hand. The two young men called the older man father. Vagrant. Sent to house of correccion.

14° Novembris, 1625. Coram Rogero Knight, *Majore*.

The examynacion of Thomas Dixon, travellinge from Bristoll towardes Cambridge, takinge begginge in Reading.

Beinge apprehended and searched there was found in severall places about him putt in severall purses, in gold and silver, in one purse 56*s.* 6*d.*, in another purse 22*s.*, in another purse 2*s.* 3*d.* *ob.* and in his ynkhorne 5*d.* in silver and 10 farthinges. Examined, saith he

was borne in Westmerland, and nowe came from Cornwell, beinge a souldyer, billetted to lodge at Mr. Salter's in St. Mellen, 17 weekes, and nowe is desirous to travell to Cambridge, and came into this towne upon Thursday last, and lodged at the Hand (?) that night, and the next night in a hay mowe, and the next night in the hay mowe, and Sonday night in the Counter, and the money he gott by teachinge children in Coscracke chappell in Westmerland; he west [*sic*] for a souldyer at Acton nere London; the cause whie he stayed soe long in this towne was to see and speake with some country men; noe company came with him, the cause of his begging was to save his money, yet spent the first night xij*d.* where he lodged. Sent to house of correccion, and after 4 dayes remitted and sent according to a passe from Bristoll.

Jonathan Dorney suspected to be accessarye to the miscaryeinge of a trunke brought to Readinge for a gentleman at the terme, was punished in the house of correccion, and for lacke of accusers was discharged.

Clement Hale borne in Ensford in Bedford-shiere, an imbroderer, taken vagrant, was sent to house of correccion, and after 10 dayes remitted to London.

[p. 170.] 18° Novembris, 1625. Coram Rogero Knight, *Majore.*

Izaak Racke did take oath that he and his wief live in feare and are afraid that her sonne John Watlington will beate, kill, wound or hurt them or one of them, for he hath threatned soe to doe, and for their security doe crave security of the peace against him. Conceditur.

Ad Sessionem Pacis.

Johannes Watlington cognovit se debere domino Regi xx*li.*	ad comparendum ad proximam Sessionem Pacis et interim tenere pacem domini Regis et precipue versus Izaacum Wracke et Sibillam uxorem ejus.
George Wooldridge et William Grenwaye } manuc'. separatim in x*li.*	

18° Novembris, 1625. Frauncis Lane of Kadsey Ashe [Campsey Ash] in Suffolke, gentleman, saith that he was cosened and deceyved of ix*li.* in money, whiche he had in his purse, by Edward Butler, [*blank*] Vincent, [*blank*] Archis, and others, by playeinge at tables the

game ticke tacke, and bettinge with them or some of them. He had about him in money 105*li.*, of whiche he lost 9*li.*, and delivered to Mr. Allen this daye 95*li.*: and 3*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.* He came to Readinge Wensdaye last, lodged at Widowe Dees in the company of Mr. Allen, an attorney, Wensday night, and Thursday morning went to the Hall in Mr. Allen's company, and there in the throng of the people left the company of Mr. Allen and came in company.

William Vincent, alias Hocus Spocus, of London, the Kinge's Majestie's servant, to use his faculty of feales (?) &c., saith he was in company with the said Francis Lane and playd at [ ] for vj*d.*, and soe till Hocus Spocus lost iij*s.* to Francis Lane, and said he would be halves with him, and would have had him fourth of the roome at Spencer's house into a private place.

[p. 171.] John Winkworth of Ramesburye, in Wiltes, came to this towne to meete with Mr. Carrell, one of the Clarkes of the Pipe office, whoe willed him to meete him to write; was in company with the said Frauncis Lane when he playd with strangers at the signe of the Bull, in Reading, and did thinke they cheated him, &c. and saith Archey Shocke was one that played.

Archey Shocke examined; livinge with Sir Thomas Dishington at Court, came to this towne with his master upon Monday was senight, and hath lodged almost all this tyme at the signe of the Bull, and there did play at tables at ticke tacke with Francis Lane, and did wyn of him 4*li.* or thereaboutes, whereof 3*li.* 8*s.* 10*d.* was found about him in the searching of him, and the rest was spent in house.

And there was another young man, called Edward Butler, in company, that did playe alsoe with the said Francis Lane, and doth not knowe what he woone of him, and saith alsoe that he did not see the said Butler at that house before that night, Thursdaye night and Fridaye night. To Counter.

Roger Kenneday, an Irisheman, examined; came to this towne Monday last, as he thinketh, to seeke for service, and hath lodged at the house of Richard Fayfull, and upon Thursdaye last he came to the house called the Bull, before Francis Lane came there, and saith he did playe at first with him and did wyn of him 3*s.* 6*d.*, and begun to play for bere, and came to the house to drinke with his cuntry men; and saith alsoe that his cuntryman Butler did playe with the said Francis Lane, but what he woone of him he knoweth not.

Being searched there was found about him 23*s.* 6*d.*, in money, a paire of beades with a small crucifix at th'end thereof. To Counter.

[p. 172.] 29° Novembris, 1625. Coram Rogero Knight, *Majore.*

Nicholas Roomarye, inholder at the White Hinde, in St. Giles without Criplegate, London, complayneth against William Greene for arrestinge him without cause, &c.

William Greene examined; saith he dwelleth in parochia Newington, in Surrey, and there liveth as a gentleman by his meanes, lyeinge in Warrick and ellswhere in Stratford uppon Avon. He came to Reading the first daye of the terme, and lodged at Steven Harris', and synce went into Warwickshiere and to Bristowe, and soe backe to Readinge, to folowe his sutes there depending in courtes, vizt. the Starre Chamber, Chauncery, &c.; and lodgeth nowe at Thomas Esdall's in Reding, and there hath lodged 4 or 5 nightes. And the reason whie he did hide himself under the bedd being sought for by the Constables, saith the reason is because money was scant with him, and did feare arrestinge. Saith he hath two horses more in towne, whiche he hath at command, standinge in Castle streete, at the house of [*blank*].

2° Decembris, 1625. Coram Rogero Knight, *Majore.*

Richard Hasler of the citty of Bristoll, attorney in the Court of Comon Pleas, complayneth against Edward Parsons, for that he deteyneth his goodes, and misused him by beating, &c., demaunding 4*li.* of him for the lodging of him and 3 of his freindes in one fetherbedd, and one flockbed, in ij chambers and a counter, with one chimney, noe curtanes, noe table, being farre more then the rate assessed.

The said Parsons shutting his doores and denyeing to be ordered by the said Mayour, being tendered 55*s.* by direccions of the Mayour in recompence of the lodgeinges. The pl[aintiff?] offering to depose the bargayne, and agreement was but 3*li.*, whiche was first tendered him, and all charges for fire and dyett paid first in full.

[p. 173.] 3° die Decembris, 1625. Coram Rogero Knight, *Majore,* et Johanne Saunders, armigero, uno Justiciariorum Pacis in comitatu predicto et de le quorum.

William Greene, alias Slater, did then take oath of allegiance secundum statuti [formam] etc.

The terme began here at Readinge crastino An' by vertue of his Majestie's proclamacion ; adjourned hither.

Mondaye, 5° die Decembris, 1625. The first meetinge after th'end of the terme.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour *, Mr. Nicholas Gunter *, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

[p. 174.] Quarter daye, Tuesdaye, the xxth daye of December, 1625, et j°. regni regis Caroli, for some speciall causes put of till this daye from Fridaye last, it being the usuall daye, &c.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger*, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, Willyam Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, Willyam Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

1. At this daye it was thought fitt by the said Mayour and Burgesses, that for the increase of the colleccion for London, the ministers shall agayne move their parishioners, and the Churchwardens to goe to every man in particuler, and sett downe what every man geveth.

2. Att this daye it was agreed that Steven Foorde's wief shall henceforth keepe markett and sell onely linsey woolsey of their owne making in this markett, accordinge to the Lord Wallingforde's lettre, she payeing x*s.* per annum, and that noe other stranger shall henceforth keepe markett or sell lynsey and woolsey in this markett.

3. Agreed that Mr. Atkyns and others that have carryed soyle out of the streetes against the terme, shalbe fourth-with paid for their labours by [*sic*].

* Marked as absent.

iiij*li.* of Mr. Kemishes guift
iiij*li.* of Mr. Hamblen's guift } distributed this day, vide le file.
per shirtes and smockes

4. At this daye it was moved by Mr. Mayour, in the behaulf of himself and his Constables, to have their chardges borne (expended in ridinge to the Court), beinge sent for by warrant from the Lordes of the Counsell, upon hearinge, beinge in noe default, as apered by affidavit read in Hall, and lettres of dismission from and under Sir William Beecher, one of the Clarkes of the Counsell. Referd untill another tyme.

5. At this daye alsoe Mr. William Kendricke requested his chardges for ridinge to Hampton to the Court about the Staple markett, whiche cometh to 40*s.* and upwardes, and it was agayne agreed that he shalbe paid.

William Clayton's peticion shalbe heard the next meetinge.

John Kenton's peticion shalbe then hearde.

The skavinger shall then be agreed withall for the next yeare.

The workmen's bills shalbe perused. John Rumsey allowed 14 dayes.

Agreed alsoe that the order concerninge hogges and other thinges faulty and offendours shalbe executed; 3*d.* hogherdes, 3*d.* . . . . , and . . . . . .

[p. 175.] 2° die Decembris, 1625. Coram Rogero Knight, *Majore.*

Michaell Ebson, clothworker, complayneth that he is in feare, that Edward Parsons will beate, kill, hurt or mayme him, and is afraid to goe about his busynes, for he hath threatned and doth threaten to be even with him, and will quiett him very shortly, and therefore prayeth security of his peace. Juratus fuit.

21° Decembris, 1625.

John Coxe of Readinge, servant to Mr. Richard Fynmore, saith he will not prosecute against the partie that was suspected about his purse lost upon Saturdaye last in the Markett place.

Thomas Jackson, dwellinge in Richmond in Yorkshier, livinge by the trade of a wever of white cloth, came from thence a fortnight past, goeinge to London to seeke service, the cause of his beinge in this towne was his waye to London. Noe aunswere to any purpose. Sent to house of correccion.

22° Decembris, 1625.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour *, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman *, Mr. Anthony Knight.

John Hawkyns, servant to Oswalld Northwey of Thacham, examined concerninge the havinge of his teame out of towne when his carte was charged by the Kinge. Saith that the Constable did take and charge his cart to carry the Kinge's caridge from Symon Dye's house, vizt. a chest, but he did not see the cariage; the horse housed at Andrew Barnes. Saith noe man did advise him to goe awaye with his teame, and to leave his cart but himselfe; and saith the cause whie he had his teame out of the towne was, for that he was at townes end told his cart should serve the Kinge and goe to London, soe when the cart was charged, he sent his teame out of towne, and left the cart at Symon Dye's.

Left at his choise, either to paye the charges that Mr. Mayour and his Constables susteyned in aunsweringe the cause at the Counsell table; or to aunswere their complaynt for his default before the Lordes. Tuesdaye next to aunswere.

Kenton's peticion heard. Goodwife Clayton's peticion heard and referd to the particuler names of the children, whiche cannott gett their livinges, and the house for roome to be viewed by Mr. Mayour and his Brethren.

Fridaye, 23° Decembris, 1625, ac j° regni regis Caroli, etc.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour.* Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Anthony Knight.

At this daye Nathaniell Hersey did agayne bargayne and agree to doe and performe the office of skavinger from Michaellmas last for one wholle yeare; vizt. he hath promised well and sufficiently to sweepe, ridd and carry awaye weekly all the soyle arisinge weekly in and about the Markett places and Markett streetes hereafter named, vizt. from the Sun dore upwardes all that streete to Mr. John Dewell's hall dore at the Butcher rewe end, and from thence to Thomas Thackham's hall dore, from thence all the streetes upwardes

* Marked as absent.

and Markett places unto the Walke. From and by all the Walke to the Counter doore; and from the Counter dore all the Markett places and streetes downe the Shoomaker rewe, unto th'end of the Smythe's house, next to the Taylour's house there; and he shall alsoe weekly clense, ridd and carrye awaye all the soyle arisinge in the grates in the towne, usually rid and clensed at the charges of the towne. He is paid for this last quarter; and for the other 3 quarters' service he shall have ix*li.* paid him by the Cofferer, as it shalbe required, weekly or monthly.

Nathaniell H Hersey, his marke.

Att this daye Willyam Price was sworne and did take oath to doe the office of one of the Aletasters within this Boroughe and therein to doe his best endevour to present all defaultes in that behaulfe, &c., accordinge to his skill without any parciallitye.

Ad Assisas proximas.

Saturdaye, 31° Decembris, 1625. j° regni regis Caroli. Coram Rogero Knight, *Majore.*

Willelmus Walker queritur versus Edwardum Richardson de placito contempti versus dominum Regem pro, etc.

Edwardus Richardson cognovit se debere dicto domino Regi } 40*li.*

Condicio quod compareat coram Justiciariis dicti domini Regis ad proximas Assisas ad respondendum ad omnia que, etc.

Edward Richardson.

Willelmus Walker cognovit se debere domino Regi xx*li.* ad prosequendum versus dictum Edwardum Richardson ad proximas Assisas prout, etc. William Walker.

Eliz. Huddle widowe prestitit sacramentum suum quod veraciter quod, etc., Ricardus Prynce et Thomas Barnard, etc., ipsam verberant, etc., ergo, etc., petit quod, etc.

Nathaniell Chaundler, clothworker, de, etc., Thomas Chaundler sen. et Johannes Chaundler, etc., cognoverunt se debere domino Regi 40*li.* et manuceperunt separatim in xx*li.* quod compareat coram Justiciariis dicti domini Regis ad Assisas proximas ad respondendum ad omnia que, etc. Nathaneill Chawndler.

[p. 177.] Mondaye, 2° Januarii, 1625, et j° regni regis Caroli, etc.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus *, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman *, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, George Thorne, John Dewell, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Richard Burren *.

At this daye th'accomptes of the Hall were in parte made, but th'end is referd untill Thursdaye come senight, and then a taxe shalbe agreed to be had to paye all thinges in kynde, as it shall arise.

At this daye Mr. Saunders read openly a lettre of attorney made to assigne Mr. William Kendricke to be sole deputy to receive of th'Executours of Mr. John Kendricke 2000*li.*, 500*li.*, 250*li.* and 100*li.*, due nowe to this Corporacion by Mr. John Kendricke's will, and it was agreed to be sealled.

[p. 178.] Mondaye, 9° die Januarii, 1625, et primo regni regis Caroli.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus*, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman *, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

Mr. John Saunders *, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche *, John Godderd *, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys *, John Bagley *, Richard Burren, John Jenyns *.

At this daye the Highe Sheriffe's warrant for electinge two Burgesses for this Boroughe to be of the next Parlyament to be holden at Westminster the vjth daye of February next, were openly read to this Company.

At this daye alsoe lettres from the Lord Wallingford for the nomynatinge of one of your Burgesses, vizt. Sir Frauncis Knolles, Knight, were openly read to this Company.

The eleccion of those 2 Burgesses is referd untill Thursdaye next.

* Marked as absent.

Thursdaye, 12° Januarii, 1625, congregaverunt.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger *, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman *, William Kendricke, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake*, John Bagley, Richard Burren*, Richard Winche*, John Godderd *, Robert Bent, William Brackston, Anthony Brackston *, Arther Curtys, John Jenyns *.

At this daye the Hall accomptes were made as appeareth upon the file.

At this daye it was agreed that a taxe of 34*li.* shalbe had and made of th'inhabitantes to raise the moneys expended about the hospitall, visited people and towne, vizt. 34*li.* taxinge noe hal[f]peny men.

Agreed alsoe at this tyme that the old debt whiche Mr. Bateman oweth by bond for the Hall, and Mr. Mayour his charges upon his note shalbe paid out of the moneys in Mr. Mayour's handes, &c., and more.

To Mr. Kendricke . . xl*s.* of debt.
To Mr. Jenyns . . . l*s.* of debt.

At this daye eleccion of the two Burgesses for the Parliament was made out of theise Knightes hereunder named.

Sir Robert Knollis
Sir Edward Clerke
Sir Frauncis Knollis
Mr. John Saunders
} nihil factum ad hunc diem.

[p. 179.] 12° Januarii, 1625.

At this daye Mr. William Kendricke made it knowne to this Company that he hath received, &c., in his handes for this Company accordinge to Mr. John Kendricke's will 2000*li.* ready to be paid to them as the will directeth. Of whiche there is 500*li.* to be lent to 4 clothiers 7 yeres, vizt.

James Winche, clothier, 200*li.*,
his 3 suretyes, Mr. Symon Winche, Mr. Robert Winche, Mr. John Newman [9].

* Marked as absent.

[9] 'Mr. Richard Winche' follows, but is crossed through.

To be repaid x° Januarii, 1632.

Walter Bye, clothier, 100*li.*
3. Humfry Carter.
Mr. Walter Bye.
Peter Thorne.

Richard Stampe, clothier, 100*li.*
3. John Bradley [1].
Richard Jeyes.
John Creed.

William Blackeall, clothier, 100*li.*
3. Mr. Nicholas Bowden.
Henry Walker.
Robert Stevens.

At this daye alsoe it was agreed that for the better avoydinge of strangers and other idle people about the towne, theise men are apoynted Overseers in eache parishe, vizt.

In St. Lawrence parishe	Robert Bent. John Bagley.
In St. Marye's parishe	Mr. William Brackston. Mr. Richard Winche.
In St. Giles' parishe	Mr. Blake. Richard Horsington.

One moneth after death of either to put in another.

13° Januarii, 1625, ac j° regni regis Caroli.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

John Newman *, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Bagley, Arther Curtys.

At this daye it was agreed that Thomas Smyth shall hencefourth paye Goodwiefe Clayton vj*d.* a weeke, for keepinge their boy, every Saturday night, &c.

Indenture dated xxij Aprill, anno j° regni regis Caroli, etc.

2000*li.* paid as appeareth.

[1] 'Mr. Henry Moore of Fawley' follows, and is crossed through.

* Marked as absent.

[p. 180.] Mondaye, 16° Januarii, 1625.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus*, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger*, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Mr. John Saunders*, John Newman, Willyam Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd*, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye a lettre to Mr. Doctour Bole, concerninge the lecture, was agreed to be sent accordinge to the copie uppon the file.

Put in eleccion of Burgesses for the Parliament.

Sir Frauncis Knolles, jun.	IIIIIIIIIIIIIIII [16].
Sir Robert Knolles, Knight	IIII.
Sir Edward Clerke, Knight.	
Mr. John Saunders	IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII [19].
Mr. Thomas Turnour.	
Mr. Nicholas Gunter.	

Bearinge their owne chardges as before tyme.

At this daye it was agreed that when Mr. Kendricke shall remove out of his house, according to his bargayne, this Company shall buy all those and suche of his goodes belonginge to his trade of clotheinge, whiche are and shalbe fitt for them, and shall paye for them as shalbe thought fitt by the appraisement of 2, 3 or 4 men to be then chosen indifferently for that purpose.

Memorandum, at this daye William Densill, one of the Constables, complayned that he was doeinge his office, and muche abused by Thomas Hatton's wief, by miscallinge him, vizt. knave, scurvey, base, and said if he had his right he would [have] his head broken.

Beinge convented was comitted to Counter; she went voluntarily of her self.

At this daye it was agreed that Clayton's wief shall have xiiij*d.* a weeke for every poore childe in the hospitall accomptinge eache childe's worke in parte of payment: vide le file.

* Marked as absent.

[p. 181.] Mondaye, 23° Januarii, 1625.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

At this daye consideracion was had to ayde Henry Bell, esquire, his Majesties servant and Captayne of a Foote company, and to releive him in his journey to Court, from Plymmouth, where he hath byn longe sicke. Agreed he shall have xx*s*. paid him by the Cofferer, John Dewell.

At this daye, Walter Stubbes, Henry Harryson, Thomas Skynner, Valentyne Skeate, William Taylour and Francis Abrey — Cloth drawers, complayned agaynst one Nathaniell Molson, a stranger, for using their trade in this towne, &c.

and offer to paye 18*d*. a weeke towardes relief of old Walter Stubbes and to be bound to performe it duringe his lief, and soe they agreed within themselves.

At this daye vj freemen Smythes, vizt.

Edward Ireland,
George Feild,
Henry Awsey,
Andrew Mase,
John Browne, and
Avery Howell,

complayne that William Lowgey hath receyved a stranger smyth to dwell and worke in his house, vizt. Richard Billingeslye, whoe came into Reading a little before the terme, vizt. x weekes, and a spurryer, called William Lattymer, a stranger, came thither a daye or ij before and hath wrought there ever synce at 40*s*. per annum rent. William Lowgey forfeyted 4*li*. William Lowgey saith the said Richard Billingeslye did worke as a journeyman at xviij*d*. a weeke for his wages, with meat and drincke, untill a weeke last past, and they did lett him parte of his shoppe but a weeke last past.

Richard Wadley, witnesse, saith he did little regard the bargayne, but it is a weeke this daye at night and not before, and

nowe dissolved agayne. Agreed that the 4*li.* shalbe levyed by distresse of William Lowgey's goodes, and upon his submission he shall paye but x*s.* for his contempt.

Billingesley promised to worke noe more in that kynd but as a journey man. The spurryer to be warned agayne.

[p. 182.] Wensdaye, 25° Januarii, 1625.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour*, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman*, Mr. Anthony Knight*.

John Maye saith that Nathaniell Molson, the stranger, cloth-drawer, hath lodged at his house haulf a yere or thereaboutes. And that the said Nathaniell Molson hath drawen cloth in his house divers tymes.

For the payment of the moneys laid out about the visited people, soldyers and necessary expences at the terme, a taxe of 26*li.* shalbe had and made of th'inhabitantes, and shalbe fourthwith levyed.

25° Januarii. Coram Rogero Knight, *Majore.*

The confession of Edward Bradley of Thacham, cloth-worker.

Saith that Richard Bushnell, of Thacham, delyvered to this Examinate the live hogges whiche he brought into this towne for him to sell them for Richard Bushnell at Wokingham. Afterwardes confessed that he did take them from him the last night in Richard Bushnell's close, about 7 a clocke in the eveninge, intendinge to sell them for money.

Noe company, nor none acquaynted with the stealling of them but himself. Committed to gaole.

Richard Bushnell saith that he lost out of his backside 5 swyne; and that they in the handes of the Baylieffe in Reading are his hogges, and is sorry it is come soe to passe, for he did trust the said Edward Bradley further, &c.

[Ad Assisas, *in margin.*] Richard Bushnell cognovit se debere domino Regi xl*li.* ad prosequendum versus eum secundum legem. Certificatum fuit. B.

* Marked as absent.

[p. 183.] Fridaye, 27° Januarii, 1625.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus*, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight*.

At this daye it was agreed that Goodwife Clayton shalbe paid iij*li.* in full of all chardges about the children in the Ospitall, and the bill of apparell shall alsoe be paid her, whiche is xxix*s.* ij*d. ob.* And hencefourth she shall have the children's earninges made uppe xiiij*d.* a weeke, by the oversight of some of the Clothiers judgeinge their workes.

Mondaye, 30 Januarii, 1625.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour*, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. William Iremonger*, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman.

At this daye accordinge to the precept under the handes of Sir Francis Knollis and Sir Thomas Vachell, Knightes, Mr. Mayour did viewe the armes of the towne, and warned all defectes to be amended and ready upon an hower's warninge, &c., as apeareth uppon the file.

30 Januarii. Th'informacion of Thomas Seaford, servant to Mr. Bateman, whoe saith that upon Saturdaye last, 28 Januarii, about 9 of the clocke in the night, his mistris said she heard some body in the lofte and then he tooke John Wescott, nowe in Counter, in his master's house, as he was coming downe out of the loftes, but he had nothing about him, but his master's cloke was taken uppe in the Court, whiche the said John Wescott surely did bring it out of the loft, and thinketh he came in at the wyndore.

Ad Assisas. Cognovit se debere domino Regi ad prosequendum.

Mr. Walter Bateman complaynetb that the said [*blank*] did enter and breake into his house, and put his people in feare Saturdaye night last, about 9 of the clocke, when he was goeing to bedd. Certificatum [fuit].

Ad Assisas. Cognovit se debere dicto Regi 40*li.* ad prosequendum.

* Marked as absent.

The examinacion of John Weskott, late of Reading, laborer.

Saith he came into Mr. Bateman's house by the streete dore intendinge to goe into the hey mowe to lodge, and not to steale; noe company, nor acquayntance.

Commytted to gaole.

[p. 184.] Mondaye, 6° Februarii, 1625.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour.

At this daye John Gayre was agayne questioned concerninge the keepinge of Frauncis Bramley, late apprentice to John Barnes, and formerly at John Gayre's request discharged and delivered to him with a bedd, &c.; of all sides confessed. John Gaire must provide for the boye and geve security to discharge the towne of the boye. And if John Gayre doe not geve good security to discharge the towne of the boye within xiiij dayes next, then Thomas Illesley will paye to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poore of St. Marye's parishe v*li.*, and John Gairey himself x*li.* Suche security as the Churchwardens and Overseers shall like to accept.

W. W. postea concordatum.

Agreed that the Cofferer shall paye the moneys due to the Carpenters and Masons for their worke done in the Ospitall and House of Correccion at this tyme, vizt. lend it untill some other course be provided to raise it.

7° die Februarii, 1625.

The complaynt of Sir Frauncis Englefeild, Knight, against William Burley, John Higgyns and John Kenton, for beatinge John Whiting, houshold servant to Sir Francis, at White Knightes, and for threatninge and challengeing Christofer Hall, another of his servantes, uppon Monday the vj of this February, in the groundes called Butcher's piddles, nere Whitley parke pale, and threatened to geve the boy ten tymes more then he had.

Burley and Kenton did threten

Christofer Hall juratus quod vereat, etc.

John Whitinge juratus quod, etc.,

and desird to goe in peace about his master's busynes.

Burley and Higgyns both confessed their enterprises and Burley beatinge John Whitinge. To house of correccion.

[p. 185.] Wensdaye, 8° Februarii, 1625.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour.

The fremen Cloth-drawers did agayne complayne against Nathaniell Moulson for using his trade in the towne: being nowe in worke with George Frarye, a shereman, not a freman. Nathaniell Moulson warned out of towne, or to bringe a certificate within 14 dayes next.

15 Februarii, 1625.

William Blackman, a stranger, taylour, confessed that he hath done worke for some of his freindes in his owne house, against the orders of the towne.

Wensdaye, 15° Februarii, 1625, j° regni regis Caroli.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

John Newman, William Kendricke *, Richard Winche, John Godderd *, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren *, John Jenyns.

At this daye it was agreed that John Gairey's owne bond shalbe taken to discharge the towne and parishe of Francis Bramley his wive's sonne, vizt. supervisor parochie Sancte Marie.

At this daye question was made about the employment of the stocke geven by Mr. John Kendricke to preserve it alive for ever. And it was by a generall consent agreed that counsell shalbe fourthwith had to have the ayd and helpe of the Parlyament to settle the stocke to be kept alive, and to followe the busynes, two of this Company, vizt. [*blank*] shall [*blank*].

At this daye it was agreed by all the Company that the fynes, forfeytures and penalties, growen due by breache of the orders of the towne, shalbe levyed and executed with effect by Mr. Mayour.

* Marked as absent.

[p. 186.] Fridaye, 17° Februarii, 1625, j° regni regis Caroli.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman *, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

John Newman, William Kendricke *, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, John Godderd *, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jeninges.

At this daye it was enformed that the Assises shalbe holden here in Readinge uppon Tuesdaye the vijth daye of Marche next.

Agreed that preparacion shalbe made for their interteynement, vizt. modo et forma sequentibus.

The Judges to be lodged at Mr. Thomas Turnour's house as formerly (he beinge at noe damage thereby).

The Clarkes of the Assises at Mr. Bateman's house and at Mr. Blake's, as heretofore.

The present to the Judges geven at this tyme.

3 barrells of beere, vizt. every brewer, j.
j gallon and dim' of sacke.
j gallon and dim' of clarett.
j mutton.
j veale.

ij Scenechals, x*s*. a peice.

The Judges horses at Christofer Kenton's.

The Clarkes of Assises' horses at Hinde Hedd.

At this daye the busynes concerninge the setlinge of Mr. Kendricke's stocke was agayne in question and agreed that it shalbe fourthwith prosecuted with effect, &c., in the Parliament. And as touchinge the chardges of the busynes it was thus agreed; if the busynes take effect, then the stocke shall beare all the chardges. And if the busynes shall not take effect, then this Company shall beare the chardges in this manner, vizt. The wholle expences shalbe cast into a totall, and then every Capitall Burgesse shall paye respectively after the rate of 3 thirdes, vizt. if it will arise by iij*li*. a man, then every Secondarye Burgesse after the rate of

* Marked as absent.

40*s.* a man, and soe after that rate be the some more or lesse, for 3*s.* a man, 2*s.* a man, imediatly.

And for the present disbursementes, it is agreed that the Hall shall lend and laye out the first money to the value of that whiche is re[ceived] 2*s.* 6*d.* of the maides money, and afterwardes the rest as above is sett downe.

Mr. Mayour and Mr. Anthony Brackston were apoynted to followe the busynes.

[p. 187.] Mondaye, 27° Februarii, 1625.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

Phillip Hodges, a stranger, taylour, beinge a journeyman taylour, complayned that uppon Shrove Tuesdaye last he was beate, hurt and maymed in the Forberye by divers apprentices in Readinge, vizt. with battes (?), 3 of them, and the Sondaye nyght before there was haulfe a dussen of them at his master's house to assault him, but their names he knoweth not.

Edward Kinges sonne; Edward stroke at him and tare his cloke.

Seelye's prentice, Joseph Hooker, stroke him and broke his head.

Roger Frewyn's prentice, vizt. Joseph Stockwell, saith noe consent, but onely mett in the muster hall, and

Timothie's boy, vizt. Richard Ewyn, being at play in the Forberye, seeing taylour's . . . run.

Old Henry Frewyn's boy, William Bennett; noe master or other did knowe or consente (?).

John Richardes, John Bele } did see Seelye's apprentice strike him and hard the blowe, and strove to keepe them aparte.

Postea crastino per mediacionem amicorum concord'.

Phillip Hodges saith that he is afraid that Roger Camyll will hurt or kyll him, for he hath threatned him, and therefore he craveth security of, &c.: witnesse, Henry Payne.

Richard Seeley hath said he would be mett (?) with all.

* Marked as absent.

At this daye it was agreed that Mr. Anthony Brackston shall agayne goe to London to attend Mr. Saunders to prosecute the busynes in the Parliament, and that he shall have ten poundes in money to beare chardges of the 100*li.*, and if he expend more it shalbe paid him agayne out of the maides' money.

[p. 188.] Quarter daye, Fridaye, 3° Martii, anno Domini, 1625, et j° regni regis Caroli.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. John Saunders *, John Newman, William Kendricke *, Richard Winche, John Godderd *, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake *, Anthony Brackston *, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren *, John Jenyns *.

At this daye, whereas John Creed hath agreed to have John Rumsey's lease of his house and shoppe for 16 yeres to come, he requested to have his lease made for 3 lives at the same rent. It was agreed that he payeing x*li.* fine, he shall have his lease for 99 yeres if, &c., under suche rentes, herryottes, covenantes and condicions as are used to be in suche leases, and bringing in Rumsey's lease.

Mondaye, 6° die Martii, 1625.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus *, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman *, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

[p. 189.] For killinge and eating fleshe.

London Warde.			
Nicholas Westwood	x*li.*	Anne Funge (?)	x*li.*
George Wooldridge }	manuc'.	Valentine Skeate }	manuc'.
John Nashe }	v*li.*	Robert Gallant }	v*li.*

* Marked as absent.

London Warde (*contd.*)

William Nethercliffe
Robert Gallant x*li.*
Alexander Pither x*li.*

Alexander Pither x*li.*
Bartholmewe Lake v*li.*
James Hulbert v*li.*

Danyell Clere x*li.*
John Nashe
George Nethercott

Ricardus Bagley x*li.*
John Creed
Robert Jaques

Johannes Creed x*li.*
Ricardus Bagley
Robert Jaques

Robert Jaques x*li.*
Ricardus Bagley
Johannes Creed

Willelmus Cranedge
Ricardus Cranedge

Ricardus Cranedge x*li.*
William Cranedge

Henricus Creed x*li.*
Ricardus Creed
Ricardus Bartholmewe v*li.*

Symon Cane x*li.*
Alexander Pither v*li.*
Francis Browne v*li.*

Henry Atkyns x*li.*
Richard Bartylmew v*li.*
Thomas Richardes

Avys Forster x*li.*
Jerome Pococke v*li.*
Henry Osborne v*li.*

Newe Warde.

Francis Michell x*li.*
Ricardus Bartholmew v*li.*
Francis Thackham v*li.*

Phillip Shiler x*li.*
John Myles v*li.*
John Redford v*li.*

James Hulbert x*li.*
William Hulbert v*li.*
Francis Michell v*li.*

Thomas Ley x*li.*
Bryan Johnson
Francis Michell

Bennett Bailey x*li.*
Francis Michell
James [*blank*]

George Dewell x*li.*
Francis Thackham v*li.*
Nicholas Coplyn, lent v*li.*

Henry Salmon x*li.*
Henry Osborne v*li.*
Francis Thackham, lent v*li.*

Jerome Pococke x*li.*
Edward Skyner, lent x*li.*
pro Thomas Foster

Richard Reve, lent x*li.*
Clement Kent v*li.*
Nicholas Noble v*li.*

Edward Symons x*li.*
Humfrey Parker, lent v*li.*
Nicholas Noble v*li.*

Suzan Woolfe x*li.*
Richard Levyns v*li.*
Ellys Stone v*li.*

William Hill x*li.*
John Johnson v*li.*
William Kenton v*li.*

John Johnson	v*li.*
William Hill	
William Kenton	
Minster [Ward].	
Edward Andrewes	x*li.*
Thomas Froome	v*li.*
John Pidgeon	v*li.*
John Pidgeon	x*li.*
Edward Andrewes	v*li.*
Thomas Francis (?)	v*li.*
William Kenton	x*li.*
William Hill	
John Johnson	
Christofer Kenton	x*li.*
Francis Thackham	v*li.*
Alexander Pither	v*li.*
William Sone	
Edward Brackston	
Edward Creed	
Edward Creed	x*li.*
Edward Brackston	
William Sone	
Edward Brackston	x*li.*
William Sone	
Edward Creed	
Richard Shawt (?)	x*li.*
John Jones	x*li.*
. . . . .	
Thomas Illesley	x*li.*
Salomon Russell	v*li.*
Thomas Pynnocke	v*li.*
Grigorye Stones (?)	
William Goodale	
Francis Thackham	
Michaell Hamblen	x*li.*
William Cranedge	x*li.*
Richard Cranedge	v*li.*
Richard Cranedge	x*li.*
William Cranedge	v*li.*
Henry Hamblyn	x*li.*
Francis Hamblyn	x*li.*

[p. 190.] Mondaye, 13° Martii, 1625.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger*, Mr. Walter Bateman*, Mr. Anthony Knight*.

Robert Bent, William Brackston, George Thorne, Anthony Brackston, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

Richard Rowe, a joyner, in Shoo lane in London, in Robyn Hoode's court there, saith he and his wief came from Newbery where they had byn to paye money at Newbery to a Mr. Meth..... and coming from thence to goe to London, his wief was delivered of a childe in Reading at the Swan, Friday night last, vizt. x° Martii, 1625.

* Marked as absent.

13° Martii, 1625.

Then Mr. Kendricke confessed that he had receyved for the use of the Corporacion of Mr. Lawrence Halsted, executour to Mr. John Kendricke, theise somes of money, accordinge to Mr. Kendricke's will, viz[t].

2000*li.* to buy landes of 50*li.* per annum, &c.
500*li.* to be lent to clothiers, &c.
250*li.* to purchase landes to maynteyne morning prayers.
and 100*li.* for the 50 poore maydes, whiche he paid to Mr. Mayour, and for that Mr. Mayour will accompt.

15° Martii, 1625.

Then the Widowe Funge requested Mr. Mayour to release the said Rowe, that he with his wief and childe maye goe in the boate to London, and she promised if the childe doe hereafter come or be sent backe to the towne that she at her owne chardges will keepe and bringe uppe the childe and discharge the towne thereof.

William Wylmer and Francis Thackham.

[p. 191.] 20 die Martii, 1625.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus *, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour *, Mr. Willyam Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

John Blake, Richard Burren.

Christofer Kenton was comytted to Counter for his contempt and misbehaviour towardes Mr. Mayour and the Magistrates, &c., and for swearinge oath at that tyme he was required to paye xij*d.*

Taxe.

Received of St. Giles' parishe by the Constables in parte of the taxe in ready money	v*li.*	vj*s.*	
More in caridge of Mr. Fylmer . .		v*s.*	
More in caridge by Mr. Turnour . .			xx*d.*
Rest to gather, vij*s.* vj*d.*			
Out of this I paid to Nathaniell Hersey for his worke and cariage at Terton (?)		xv*s.*	vj*d.*

* Marked as absent.

Paid to Mr. Christofer Turnour for money laid out in St. Marye's parishe for carrying soyle out of streetes for the terme .		ix*s.*	vj*d.*
Paid to Edward Stevens for carryeinge soyle out of the streetes at the terme .		xxiiij*s.*	
Item paid Thomas Smeeth for a cart and laborers as apeareth by his bill .		xiiij*s.*	iiij*d.*
Received of William Greene and Thomas Thackham, Constables, in parte of the taxe in money and paymentes . . .	xx*li.*	vj*s.*	ij*d.*
Whereof paid to Mr. Atkyns for cariage of gravel and soile . . .		l*s.*	
Item paid to William Stevens for the like .		vij*s.*	vj*d.*
Item to John Hall for the like workes . .		xxv*s.*	
Item paid to Underwood the laborer . .			xvj*d.*
Item paid Richard Johnson for ij lockes .			xvj*d.*
Item to Goodwife Alnutt for searching .			xij*d.*
More to Mr. Constable Thackham for money expended at Cunditt close . .	iiij*li.*	xix*s.*	v*d.*
More to the Constables, &c., there . .	iiij*li.*		

	li.	*s.*	*d.*	
Paymentes	12	15	7	
Lent	4	00	0	afterwardes paid.
	16	15	7	
money	08	19	10	delivered, John Spier (?).
	25	15	5	

				li.	*s.*	*d.*
	8	19	10	and 4	and 2	6
Received in accomptes of the House of Correccion	9	10	0	delivered, John D . . .		
	18	09	10			
	4	2	6			
	22	12	4			

As touchinge Goodwief Clayton's payment for the children, to make uppe their workes worth xiiij*d.* a weeke, it was agreed that Mr. Mayour shall take what is to be had of the Overseers of the poore upon their accomptes, and the rest he shall paye out of the charitable uses as it may be spared.

The fremen Cloth-workers complayne that one Frauncis Bowles a forreyner doth worke and keepe working by himself as a freman within the Boroughe, and never was apprentice to the trade of a clothworker.

He denyeth it and saith he worketh with his brother, Raphe Bowles. Forbidden and warned to pay his proceedinges.

It is informed that Raphe Bowles is not a freman of the Towne.

Luke Butler, a stranger, useth shoomaking.

[p. 190.] 23° Martii, 1625.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour.* Mr. William Iremonger.

At this daye Annanias Hobbes complayned against Phillip Hodges, affirming that he is afrayd that he will doe him some bodily harme. Non pros'.

At this daye the Shoomakers, vizt. John Brown, Richard Robinson, Richard Levyns, complayne that one Thomas Archer enterteyneth a stranger, shoomaker, and makeing newe shooes in towne in Thomas' shoppe &c. being a stranger, vizt. William Midwinter of Tadley, 3 weekes; noe certificate. Thomas Archer threatned to leave his wief and children upon the towne.

23° Martii, 1625. Then Phillippe Hodges was agayne called in question for his misdemeanour in towne: and uppon request and his promise to departe the towne the next weeke after Easter weeke, or ells to geve Mr. Mayour satisfaccion of his lief, &c. was licensed till then, &c.

[p. 192.] 23° Martii, 1625. Coram Rogero Knight, generoso, *Majore.*

Johannes Chicke de Reading taylour cognovit se debere Regi xx*li.*		quod compareat ad proximam Sessionem Pacis, etc., ad respondendum ad omnia et interim se bene geret versus dominum Regem et ....
Thomas Hatton de Reading predict', gouldsmyth	manucep. separatim pro ipso in x*li.*	
Henricus Atkyns de Reading predict', vintener		

[Signed] John Cheeke, Thomas Hatton, Henry Atkins.

Mondaye, 3° Aprilis, 1626.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus *, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Mr. John Saunders *, John Newman *, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd *, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arthur Curtys, John Bagley *, Richard Burren, John Jenyns *.

At this daye election was made of the 3 maid servantes to cast the lottes for the xx nobles uppon Good Friday next, vizt.

In St. Lawrence parishe Alice Sone, 2° tempore.

In St. Mary parishe, Jane Woodes, j°, by vertue of the will.

In St. Giles' parishe, Dorethie Baker, 3° tempore.

5° anno pro Southcott.

Memorandum, to call for and deliver certifycate from the Minister of eache parishe of their service.

At this daye it was agayne agreed to satisfy Goodwief Clayton's request concerninge the Hospitall, and to th'intent that she shall hencefourth at her owne chardges aswell keepe the working children in worke, as fynd them meate, drinke and lodgeinge, apparrell, washinge, fire, attendaunce and all other thinges necessarye, and repayre her tooles and bedding.

She shall have her dwellinge as before she had her allowaunce out of the house of iiij*li.* per annum more, out of the charitable uses iiij*li.* per annum and their workes made uppe xvj*d.* a peice every weeke by eache parishe for their owne children.

And it is alwayes provided that noe childe shalbe in the compasse of this allowaunce under iiij yeres of age. The Overseers of eache parishe shall have the chardge of the accomptes and paymentes every moneth. Alwayes provided that eache parishe shall henceforwardes apparell every childe at their goeinge in at the discretion of Mr. Mayour and the Overseers.

23° Aprilis, postea, it was soe agreed and accepted of by William Clayton and his wief before the Companye.

At this daye [3 Apr.] William Griffyn brought in his lease and intreated the Company to accept of it and discharge him.

* Marked as absent.

[p. 193.] 3° Aprilis, 1626. Coram Rogero Knight, generoso, *Majore.*

[2]Walterus Samuell de Reading pikemaker cognovit se debere domino Regi xx*li.*		quod Walterus Samuell compareat ad proximam Sessionem Pacis, etc., ad respondendum ad omnia, etc., et quod interim se bene gerat, etc.
Henricus Spier de Reading predict', clothier Johannes Moore de Reading predict', yeoman	manuc' separatim pro ipso in x*li.*	

[Signed] Water Samavell, John Moore, Henry Spier.

[p. 194.] Goodfridaye, the vij^th^ of Aprill, 1626, annoque ij° regni regis Caroli.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye it was agreed that Richard Blagrave, sonne of John Blagrave, late of Coleford, shalbe paid his legacy; and William Ticknoll, that marryed Mary the daughter of Mistris Colbrand. And when money arise Charles Harding, that marryed Ann the daughter of Mistris Edmundes, shalbe paid, if, &c.

3 Poore maid servantes elected to the lott.

lottes.	tymes.	
8.	2°.	In St. Lawrence parishe, Alice Sone.
13.	1°.	In St. Marye's parishe Jane Woodes, servant to Alexander Blagrave 5 yeres and a half, came for Southcott, being the 5th yere. She had the lott.
7.	3°.	In St. Giles' parishe, Dorothie Baker.

At this daye John Blagrave paid in x*li.* in a purse accordinge to his Unckle's will. And by direccions of the will it was distributed as followeth.

[2] Page 193 is crossed through in the MS.

Inprimis, to the poore maide by lott . .	vj*li.*	xiij*s.*	iiij*d.*
To 60 poore weomen in St. Lawrence .		xx*s.*	
To 60 poore in St. Marye's parishe . .		xx*s.*	
To 24 poore in St. Giles' parishe . .		vj*s.*	
To the Preacher		x*s.*	
To the Sexton		iij*s.*	iiij*d.*
To the Clarke of St. Lawrence . .		iij*s.*	iiij*d.*
To the Junior Churchwarden . .		iij*s.*	iiij*d.*

At this daye Alexander Blagrave paid xx*s.* accordinge to his lease to be spent, vizt. :—

In bread and wyne	x*s.*
To the Clarke of the Hall . . .	v*s.*
To the Sergeantes	v*s.*

At this daye iiij*li.* according to William Legge's will, vizt.

To 8 in St. Lawrence parishe . .	3*s.*	4*d.*
To 8 poore housholders in St. Marye's parishe.		
To 8 poore housholders in St. Giles' parishe.		

At this daye according to Widowe Worsley's will iij*li.* was distributed to lx poore widowes, xij*d.* a peice, the names apere uppon file of this yere.

The allowance of the peticioners for their legacyes due was agreed accordinge to the orders subscribed by Doctour Denison and Mr. Taylour, filed to the will, 1625.

And Mr. Alexander Blagrave promised to paye his rent the next weeke.

[p. 195.] Fridaye, 21° Aprilis, 1626.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour.* Sir Edward Clerke, Knight, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman*, Mr. Anthony Knight.

George Thorne, John Blake, John Bagley.

At this daye the Lawdaye for this Boroughe was holden.

* Marked as absent.

Nomina Juratorum in legiaunce domini Regis.

Johannes Blake, primus	William Jacobbe
Johannes Nashe	Johannes Smyth
Symon Dye	Richardus Markham
Edwardus Gunter	William Hill
Thomas Filpe	Ricardus Bredes
Robertus Jones	Robert Westmerlande
Thomas Symes	Christofer Kenton
Thomas Bateman	Thomas Hatton
Thomas Lawrence	Willelmus Mylles.

Lymytted to geve uppe their verdict usque 21° Augusti prox'.

Mr. John Blake, William Jacobbe, John Nashe, Mr. Edward Gunter, Thomas Filpe } Affirers, jurati.

22° Aprilis, 1626.

Th'examynacion of Robert Woodd, a sayler, an apprentice to Captayne Tokeleye of London, in St. Katherine's, lodgeinge at Captayne Tokelye's in St. Katherine's Court.

He knoweth Mr. Whaley the Bailey; saith he came from sea vj or viij weekes past and served with one Mr. Lawes of Wappinge, by Cock Alley, a marryner, and came home in the shippe called the Marrigold; she lyeth nowe nere Redriffe, on the other side of the Water. Beinge demanded the cause of his being nowe in Reading saith he was bound for Bristowe to see his freindes, namely, Mr. Cox, whoe came from sea a yere past. He came from St. Katherine's on Thursday was senight, and lodged that night at Braynford and came to this towne Sondaye last, and there lodged at the signe of the Bell. He brought from St. Katherine's with him xxiiij*li.* in money, gold and silver, whereof he spent x, xj or xij*li.* in 3 or 4 dayes, and the rest, vizt. xiij*li.*, the Constables had of him. And saith he had this money by this meanes, vizt. Captayne Tokely sent this Examinate to a taylour's house beyond London stone, with a quittance to receyve of that taylour xxiiij*li.* whiche he did receive and had of the taylour, and the money beinge due to this Examinate he tooke it and came awaye with the money intending to goe to Bristoll. Sent to Warde.

[p. 196.] Mondaye, the 23° Aprilis, 1626, et 2° regni regis Caroli, etc.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus *, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger *, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, John Godderd *, Robert Bent *, Willyam Brackston, John Dewell *, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtyce *, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns *.

At this daye it was made knowne to this Company that the 40*li.* geven by Mr. Gabriell Barber, agent for the lottery, &c., towardes the helpe of poore trades men in this towne, after 5 yeares ended in whiche it was lent formerly, is nowe ready for the said Mayour and Burgesses to dispose and lend accordinge to Mr. Barbour's direccion at the tyme of his guift.

And it was then accepted of to be disposed, and it was then disposed as followeth.

Thomas Locke	William Thorne. Edward Baker.
Abraham Hulberd	Edward Baker. George Wooldridge.
William Bye	Mr. Walter Bye. Richard Stampe.
Averye Howell	[*no sureties.*]
George Nethercott	Mr. Bowden. Symon Dye.
John Browne	William Wylmer, junior. [*blank.*]

At this daye the assurance from Mr. Gunter, concerning the payment of xij*li.* per annum to charitable uses was in question, and it was then agreed, and by Mr. Gunter promised that at Mr. Saunders' next returne from the Parlyament, he will assure the said xij*li.* per annum fourth of and by his handes in Reading to the good liking of this Company; and, &c.

* Marked as absent.

[p. 197.] 24° Aprilis, 1626.

Johan Noble, the wief of Nicholas Noble, complayneth that one Agnes Allowaye, spinster, doth threaten to beate, kill, hurt, or mayhem her, or teare the fleshe from her face, wherefore she craveth securitie of the peace against her the said Agnes; and hath taken oath that she liveth in feare.

Ad Sessionem Pacis. Eodem die Agnes Allowaye spinster cognovit se debere domino Regi xx*li.*

Chideock Palmer et Henricus Ansty manuceperunt separatim pro ipsa in x*li.*

quod ipsa personaliter compareat ad proximam Sessionem Pacis ad respondendum ad omnia que sunt, etc., et interim tenet pacem dicti domini Regis versus omnes, etc., et precipue erga Johannam Noble uxorem cujusdam Nicholai Noble. [Relaxata, *in margin.*]

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Afterwardes, 28 Aprilis, 1626, the aforesaid Robert Woodd was agayne examined, and he acknowledgeth that he is apprentice to Captayne Tokeley, and that he receyved of a taylour by a bill from his Master xxx*li.* for his master, whiche 30*li.* he hath spent as he thinketh, as followeth:

For his fayre		j*d.*
At Westminster		xij*d.*
At the Pye at Neue Braynford j night and j daye, vj*s.* or vij*s.*		
At the Plum of Fethers in Hounslowe, the Constable's house, and for horse hire	xxvj*s.*	
At Skull's at Maydenhead . .	xx*s.*	
At the Bell in Reading iiij^or^ dayes and nightes	xl*s.*	
At the Olivant taverne . . .	xxx*s.*	
At the George	x*s.*	
At the Sun	iij*s.*	
At iij Tuns		xij*d.*
At Joan Hayes' wedding . .	vij*s.*	
At the Fencers	vij*s.*	
To the Musicions, in toto . .	xxx*s.*	
For a girdle at Maydenhed . .	v*s.*	
For a scarffe at Reading . . .	xiiij*s.*	
For ij swordes and scabbordes . .	xij*s.*	
To the servantes of the Bell . .	iiij*s.*	

Mary Stevens saith he came to their house Sondaye the 20 of April, and staid there iij or iiij^or^ dayes or nightes and she charged but ij peices of gould for him. And he spent not above xx*s.* in her house for horse meat and mann's meate, &c.: a man of Hounslowe whiche lent him horses was in company with him and came with him all that tyme; and she saith she hath in her handes viij*s.* for him and noe more, whiche shee promised to paye to his master.

At this tyme Captayne Tokeley was presente, heard and understood all the busynes, claymed his service, receyved the rest of his money. Uppon his submission upon his knees, and asking forgevenes and promising amendment of his lief and further service, he accepted of him, and tooke him awaye to goe home with him.

[p. 198.] Fridaye, 5° Maii, 1626.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger *, Mr. Walter Bateman *, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

The confession of Humfrey Hayes, apprentice to Mr. George Thorne, and hath dwelt there 5 yeres.

Mr. George Thorne saith that yesterdaye in his workshopp he was informed by his servantes there being at worke, that his servant Humfrey Hayes had good store of money, the whiche Mr. Thorne presently called in question, and found the money which the said Hayes had about him; counterfeit money, vizt. vij counterfett peices called groates, and iiij^or^ other bigger peices, all whiche he sent with the said Hayes to the Mayour.

The said Humfrey Hayes beinge examined saith he had but xij peices of the smaller sorte, and iiij^or^ of the bigger sort of the moneys, all whiche he had and receyved of his father, Humfrey Hayes of Warfeild, a taylour, upon a Monday fortnight before Easter last, at whiche tyme his father said he had been at the praising of Richard Hayes his goodes: good store there was of old money, to the value of 7 score, severall peices little and great of whiche he had parte, whiche this Examinate requested to see; and his father sheweinge him theise peices, his father bid him take them if he would, and at the takinge of them the xij lesser peeces were cankerd and rusty;

* Marked as absent.

and beinge demanded howe and by what meanes those smaller peices came to be made bright, saith that he laid them in milke iij or iiij^or^ dayes by the advise of one James Wattes, a carpenter of Shinfeild, whoe had ij of them of this Examinate for vij*d.*; j more of those xij he gave to Richard Saunders his fellowe servant for a groate, and another of them he gave to Richard his Master's servant at Whitley for nothinge; and j other he lost negligently. Committed to Warde untill, &c.

Mondaye, 8° Maii, 1626. Coram Rogero Knight, *Majore*, etc.

Then John Browne did take his corporall oath that he liveth in feare of his lief, and feareth to goe about his busynes, because one Edward Cowper hath threatened to beate, kyll, or mischeiffe him, cut his throate, and doe him other harmes, once, a moneth past, and agayne this daye in the hearinge of John Deane, and divers the said John Browne's servantes, and thereuppon prayed justice to have securitye. Conceditur.

[p. 199.] Wensdaye, x° Maii, 1626.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour.

At this daye it was complayned on by the Coblers that Frauncis Wearinge, a stranger useth the trade of a cobler within the boroughe, to the hurt of the freemen of the towne. Forbidden.

At this daye Mary Harrison, daughter of Henry Harrison, was comitted to the hospitall to be taught to spyn and earne her livinge.

At this daye Luke Payne, a stranger, havinge marryed a poore woman havinge one childe, is come to dwell in Readinge without certificate of his life and conversacion, and without securitie geven. Beinge convented, promised within xiiij dayes to be gone with his wief out of towne to dwell, or ells to bringe certificate of his behaviour and good sureties to discharge the towne.

Saturdaye, 13° Maii, 1626. Coram Rogero Knight, *Majore.*

At this daye informacion was geven to the Constables of 2 or 3 cheatours or conycatchers that were in towne, seene at other markettes and fayres lately, and noted to be suche persones and suspected, all whiche were apprehended and examined, and cardes and counters mingled with gould and silver found about some of them, whose examinacions followe on the next side.

[p. 200.] 14° Maii, 1626. Coram Rogero Knight, *Majore*, etc.

The confession of William Lee of Cheltenham.

Saith he dwelleth at Cheltenham, within vj myles of Gloucester, and there hath dwelt 23 yeres, and there hath lived all that tyme by the trade of a silkewever, and came from thence on Wensday last intending to goe to London in the companye of Robert Lee, his brother, and Richard Bushe, and upon that Wensday they came altogither to a place called Stratton and there lodged that night. Uppon Thursday after they came from Stratton to Spenehamland, and there they lodged altogither at the house of one Sharpe [3], beinge the signe of the White Horse, and there they stayed untill Friday noone, and then they came from thence to a village called Woolhampton, and there lodged that night at an old man's house. And upon Saturdaye they came altogither to Reading about 8 or ix of the clocke, and sett in their horses at the signe of the Beare, and by reason of some acquayntance his brother had in towne they spent some tyme there in the towne and dyned in towne, but knoweth not the house. And being demanded where they had their horses, he saith he bought his horse in Smythfeild, about 3 weekes past, and paid for him 31*s.*, the man that sould him dwelt in Islington, nere London, and his brother Robert bought his horse the same tyme, at Smythfeild, of one Honnyball of Islington. And the said Richard Bushe hired his horse of a hackney man called Jackson in Islington. And being demaunded when they came from Islington, saith, for his owne parte he came from thence about 3 weekes past, and went himself home to Cheltenham to followe his busynes, and about a weeke after his brother and the said Bushe came after him to see him, this Examinate, and stayed with him at his house ij or iij dayes.

And beinge demanded to what purpose he carryed about him a purse and som counters in the purse, and amongest the counters one haulfe peice of gould of x*s.*, and what use he made of them, saith he carryed them to noe ill purpose, neither did he any ill with them; soe about him was found ij x*s.* peices of gould, one in a secrete pockett and the other amongest the counters; and saith they were in noe markett nor faire since they came from Cheltenham untill they came into this towne. Saith he laid the other purse with

[3] Of one Sharpe, *crossed through.*

leather and lead peices in Mr. Mayour's windore under the herbes, because it should not be found about him. Not at Overton fayre. Required to find sureties; had none, therefore comitted. 22° Maii, recomitted for 2 or 3 or 4 dayes.

[p. 201.] Eodem, die [14 May]. The confession of the said Richard Bushe of St. Mary Overs in Southwarke.

Saith he liveth and dwelleth in St. Marye Overyes in Southwarke by the meanes of his wief using to make bone laces, and there hath dwelt two yeres and a haulf or thereaboutes. And yesterdaye was fortnight he came from Southwarke and went to the Bath, and there stayed at the Bath xj or xij dayes, and in his company Robert Lee went and came with this Examinate; and upon Wensday last this Examinate and the said Robert Lee came both from Bath, and came the Wensday to Chippenham, and there lodged that night Thursdaye; from thence to Hungerford to the Beare there, and Fridaye to Wolhampton and there lodged Friday night, and from thence upon Saturdaye to Reading to the Beare, about ix or x a clocke, and there sett in their horses. And being demanded the cause of their staye in Reading untill 2 or 3 of the clocke, saith that the said Robert Lee was desirous to enquire and seeke in the towne for one Woodd, whiche he was in bondes for. And for their dynner had bacon and egges at a house in the middle of the towne and was in divers houses in towne, but played not, neither did any of them question to buy any cattell. As touching his horse, saith he hired him of one Inkeeper, the signe of the Black Horse at Islington, at v*s*. the weeke. And saith he mett in company with the said William Lee at Chippenham and never before, and he did not see him play with any man, but he had a purse of counters, but to what purpose this Examinate knoweth not. And further saith he did not lodge at Stratton, neither was he with them in any markett or faire, but as they travelled from Bath throughe townes, ij xx*s*. peices and xviij*s*. in white money, had by searche of Bushe. He was not at Overton fayre. Comitted for lack of sureties.

The confession of Robert Lee.

Saith he dwelleth in Westminster, and there hath dwelt 30 yeres, and lived by the trade of a baker, and nowe a chandler's shoppe, and hath wief and children nere the White Horse in Tuttle streete, and came from thence yesterday was fortnight, and went to Cheltenham

to his brother, to fetche him to London about money they are bad to paye, and rode himself without company upon his owne horse, whiche he bought on Friday was fortnight in Smythfeild. And from Cheltenham his brother William and he came upon Thursdaye last intending to returne to Westminster, having stayed a weeke or more with his brother and freindes, but was not in company with the said Bushe untill Friday at Spenhamland. Lodged Thursday night he knoweth not; lodged Friday night at Woolhampton, and from thence to Reading, where they sett in their horses, and stayed to question some of his acquayntance, and to drinke a pott or two of beere and to be gone. Beinge demanded the cause of having a paire of cardes about him, saith the other night there was some at playe, whiche did not agree, and this Examinate tooke them and put them in pockett, not intending to use them, nor did not; they came to Newberye Thursday last, and staid there about the towne. Not at Overton fayre, nor any other markett. Mr. Mayour had of him v*li.* xiij*s.* Comitted for lack of sureties.

[p. 202.] Afterwardes, vizt. 27° Maii, the said William Lee confessed the Constables had but ij peices of gould from him of 20*s.*, whereof i peice is red (?). Richard Bushe said the Constable had 58*s.* from him and he had it. And Robert Lee said the Constable had v*li.* xiij*s.* j*d.* of him, and he had receyved it backe agayne of the Constable. Sent to the gaole for lacke of sureties. Constable Greene pros'.

[Assises, *in margin.*]

Mondaye, 22° Maii, 1626. Coram Rogero Knight, *Majore*, etc.

Gregorie Stevens was convented before the Mayour for abusinge the Constables and Churchwardens yesterdaye in the service tyme, he beinge drinkinge with a bargeman in his house, and denyeing to obey them in any kynd, holding a knife in his handes and denyeing to doe as they required him, with bad wordes and urging speaches towardes them. Required to find sureties of his good behaviour.

Thursdaye, 25° Maii, 1626.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter *, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman *, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

* Marked as absent.

Theise are unlicensed, forbidden and bounde not to keepe Alehouse:

William Duglace pro se . . x*li.* quod deinceps non, etc.
Raphe Coxed pro se . . x*li.* quod deinceps non, etc.
James West pro se . . . x*li.* quod deinceps non, etc.
Richard Booth pro se . . x*li.* quod deinceps non, etc.
Richard Matt pro se . . x*li.* quod, etc.
John Knight pro se . . x*li.* quod, etc.
James Hall pro ipso . .
Marten Sever pro se . . x*li.* } quod, etc.
et Grigorie Grantham . . v*li.* }
Nathaniell Hersey pro se, etc. .
Thomas Cowper pro se in . . x*li.* } quod deinceps, etc.
William Champe pro ipso . . v*li.* }
Valentine Skeat pro ipso . . x*li.* } quod post 24^{m} Junii non.
Thomas Skynner manuc' in . v*li.* }
Edward Hardye . . .
Henry Payne cognovit se debere domino Regi x*li.*
Andrew Kenton pro se cognovit . x*li.* quod non, etc.
Lewys Frewyn . . .
Ellys Burges pro se cognovit . x*li.* quod non, etc.
Roger Francis pro se cognovit . x*li.* quod non, etc.
Thomas Higgins pro se cognovit . x*li.* quod non, etc.
Daniell Marten cognovit pro se . x*li.* quod non, etc.
John Backhouse cognovit pro se x*li.* quod non, etc., 3 weekes lib'.
John Moulton cognovit pro se . x*li.* quod non, etc.
Edward Raymond cognovit se debere x*li.* quod non, etc. Midsummer.
William Potter cognovit se debere . x*li.* } quod non, etc.
John Haynes et Johannes Browne manuc' pro ipso . . . v*li.* }
Thomas Gairye cognovit pro se . x*li.* quod.
John Moulton cognovit pro se . x*li.* quod.

For alehouskeepinge, Nicholas Filpe sent to gaole.

[p. 203.] Tuesdaye, 29° Maii, 1626, et 2° regni regis Caroli, etc.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

* Marked as absent.

Mr. John Saunders, Mr. John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, John Bagley, Richard Burren.

At this daye Mr. Gunter's assuraunces of the xij*li.* per annum was agayne in question.

At this daye Mr. William Maulthus brought in and delivered into this place the quieti sunt for the fee farme of the towne for the yeare he was Mayour, vizt. from Michaellmas in the xxijth yeare of the raigne of kinge James untill Michaellmas in the first yeare of kinge Charles, and laid in chest together with the quieti whiche was in before for the yere Mr. Robert Maulthus was Mayour.

At this daye some speaches were had of the employment of parte of Mr. John Kendricke's stocke geven to this towne, and request was made to every man that consideracion be respectively had, howe and whiche wayes it shalbe used for the good of the poore, and to-morrowe to declare every man's opinion in that matter.

30° Maii, 1626.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter*, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman*, Mr. Anthony Knight*.

Mr. John Saunders*, Mr. John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche*, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell*, George Thorne*, John Blake*, Anthony Brackston, John Bagley*, Richard Burren*.

[p. 204.] Fridaye, 2° Junii, 1626, ac ij° regni regis Caroli, etc. Quarter daye.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman*, Mr. Anthony Knight*.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. John Saunders*, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche*, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George

* Marked as absent.

Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston *, Arther Curtyce, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns *.

At this daye request was made in the behaulf of the Constables to have their charges expended at Winsor and ellswhere, in aunswering some causes at the Counsell table.

Aunswered by all, that it is fitt they should have their charges but not out of the Hall.

viij*li.* odd money expended.

Soe the question resteth where and by what meanes they should paie their charges. Referd to the tyme of their accomptes of the taxe.

Postea, 9° Junii, responsum fuit prout patet in proxima pagina.

At this daye the Widowe Moore exhibeted her peticion for ij lives to be added to her lease. The aunswere is referd till the sight of the will.

Tuesdaye, 6° Junii, 1626.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

At this daye Mr. Edward Ironside, executour to his father, paid in the C*li.* whiche his father gave to be lent to iiij^or^ tradesmen of the towne, for whiche he hath an acquittance under the seale, &c.

And at this daye at Mr. Ironside and Mr. Freman's request, the said Masters promised that Richard Hollowaye, clothier, and William Curtyce, apothecarie, shall have xxv*li.* a peice, geving securitye, &c.

[p. 205.] Fridaye, 9° Junii, 1626.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman *, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Mr. John Saunders *, John Newman, William Kendricke *, Richard Winche, William Brackston, Robert Bent, John Dewell *, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtyce, John Bagley, Richard Burren *, John Jenyns.

* Marked as absent.

At this daye the 100*li.* geven by Mr. Ironside to be lent fower yeres gratis to iiij^{or} tradesmen, vizt. to ij clothiers and ij other tradesmen, shopkepers, upon good securitie, was disposed of and agreed to be lent as followeth, vizt.

ij Clothiers: j. William Potinger	Richard Potinger, senior Walter Watlington Arther Hooker	suretyes.
ij. Richard Hollowaye	Edward Richardson John Osgood William Grenwaye	suretics.
ij Shopkeepers: j. Henry Tubbe	Thomas Smeeth Ellys Knight Abram Watlington	suretyes.
ij. William Curtys	Arther Curtyce John Turnour John Curtyce, junior	suretyes.

At this daye George Wooldridge and Nicholas Westwood late Constables in the yere Mr. Robert Maulthus was Mayour requested allowance of money by them laid out for whipping rogues in the House of Correccion xxxiiij*s.*, and for money by them laid out to reliefe poore souldyers and impotent people travellinge throughe the towne xij*s.* viij*d.*

Agreed towardes whippinges to allowe xx*s.*, sed non ulter. And William Walker, constable, in the last yere made the like request for whippinges, vij*s.* iiij*d.* and for moneys geven to poore people, impotent and suche like in this yere vj*s.* Agreed towardes whippinges to allowe x*s.*, sed non ulter.

At this daye alsoe the said Mayour and Burgesses with one consent did agree to allowe and paye to William Greene and Thomas Thackham, constables, five pounds in money for their full satisfaction of their chardges expended in aunsweringe matters that did concerne their office, before the Lordes of the Counsell at Winsor, &c., provided this shalbe noe president for others. Verte paginam.

[p. 206.] Eodem 9° die Junii, 1626.

At this daye alsoe it was agreed that the Belman of the Towne for the tyme beinge shall hencefourth be at the commaund of the Constables and Overseers of the House of Correccion for the tyme

beinge, to whippe and punishe all and every persone and persones there committed to be punished by their direccions, and shall not hencefourth have or require any reward of the Constables for his labour, but shall have and be paid ij*s.* vj*d.* the quarter by the Mayour for the tyme beinge for his wages and service in that behaulf, &c.

And alsoe it was this daye agreed that the Bellman shall hencefourth have ij*s.* a quarter, for his paynes in attendinge and clensinge the streetes of rogues and vagrant people, paid him by the apoyntment of the said Mayour and Burgesses. And that all the vagrantes and idle people taken in the towne shalbe whipt at the Plumpe and not at the House of Correccion, and for his paynes therein to have and take it within his quarters.

Solutum Cofferario. Memorandum, ix*li.* x*s.* paid the Cofferer upon th'accomptes of the House of Correccion, viij*li.* xix*s.* x*d.* paid him uppon th'accomptes of the taxe, iiij*li.* ij*s.* 5*d.* more paid him upon that accompt, x*li.* more paid him for John Creede's fine } to be accompted upon his accompt.

Memorandum, Mr. Kendricke's money had of Mr. Mayour vj*li.* xvj*s.*, 6*li.* 16*s.*

[p. 207.] 10 Junii, 1626. Coram Rogero Knight, *Majore.*

[Assises, *in margin.*] The confession of John Wattes, alias Watkyns.

Saith he last dwelt at Banwell in Somersettshiere x miles beyond B[ristol] and there lived by the occupacion of a taylour six or seven yeres, and there was marryed to Anne Hill, and by her hath two children. And about Twelft day last came from thence and went to London, and did worke there, and about 3 weekes before Easter last came into this towne of Reading, and there was sett to worke by Richard Seley, a taylour, and with him did worke a moneth, within ij dayes under or over, and ever synce hath contynued in Reading working with Salomon and Roger Frenche 3 weekes or more. And saith uppon Sondaye last he was marryed in St. Lawrence Churche to Alice Lewse, spinster, in Reading, by Mr. Taylour, Vicar, about 8 of the clocke. Comitted to gaole. The certificate from Banwell is upon my file.

14° Junii, 1626. At this daye John Chicke was in question for his misdemeanours, and required to find sureties; could not, was comitted to Counter.

15° Junii, 1626. Then John Chicke was agayne questioned for his sureties of his good behaviour. Said he was not provided, but bid the Mayour doe with him what he will. Sent to gaole. Sessio pacis.

The Constables: Taylour, Basingstoke and others presente at the first comittinge for the like cause.

[p. 208.] 21 Junii, 1626.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour *, Mr. William Iremonger *, Mr. Walter Bateman *, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

At this daye agreed to see the Charter, and to speake with Sir Frauncis Knolles at Mr. Dor's (?) coming home, about the buylding of the Counter; and to provide 4 barrells of beer laid in for the Judges.

At this daye John Turnour, a stranger, taylour, was convented, and examined of his livinge and uppon request of freindes had libertie to departe the towne betwixt this and St. James' daye next.

Richard Emmarton } sureties.
Sebastion Lyford }

Saith Goodman Wigg lett him his house.

Christofer Mewe, Hughe Grantham, and 4 other Coblers complayned against Henry Nethercliffe for keepinge shoppe to make newe shooes, and useth the amendinge of old shooes against the orders of the towne, having not served out his tyme; was forbidden the mending of old shooes. Wadley was comitted for passing his tyme over.

[p. 209.] 5° Julii, 1626.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, absent, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

At this daye it was agreed that Richard Hinde, the carpenter, the Masons and Nayler, shalbe paid for their worke done at the

* Marked as absent.

Ospitall by the Cofferer, and afterwardes it shalbe repaid him by the Hospitall and House of Correccion. The bills uppon the file.

viij° Julii, 1626. Coram *Majore.*

Complaynt was made by the Constables and by Salomon Russell, against Brist Floyd, a stranger taylour, for divers misdemeanours. Examyned saith he came from Bristoll upon Fridaye in Whitson weke last, and into this towne about 3 weekes past without testimonial, and hath wrought with the said Salomon Russell as his journeyman, and from him did convey divers parcells of silke lace, but not stealeing, and did confesse he was drunke yesterdaye, and havinge not money to paye the penalty was comytted to the stockes.

12° Julii, 1626.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, absent, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, absent, Mr. Walter Bateman, absent, Mr. Anthony Knight.

At this daye it was agreed that preparacion shalbe made for the interteynment of the Judges at the next Assises, vizt. Mondaye, 16° Julii.

The Judges to be lodged at Mr. Thomas Turnour's house as formerly, he beinge at noe damage thereby.

The Clarkes of the Assises at Mr. Bateman's and at Mr. Blake's, as heretofore.

Th'enterteynment for the Judges at this tyme.

iiij Barrells of bere; vizt. every brewer j.
j Gallon et dimidium of sacke.
j Gallon et dimidium of claretT.
j Mutton.
j Veale.

ij^obus^ Scenechallis x*s.* a peice.

Agreed that Anne, the wief of William Bye, havinge certificate under the hand of Mr. Samuell Frenche, Curate of Sandhurste, of her mariage there, and seeinge that her service seven yeres with old Richard Cooke hath byn prooved by Goodwife Cooke and Richard Cooke the younger, she shall have 40*s.* of Mr. Kendricke's guift, as others have had.

13° Julii, 1626. Coram *Majore.*

Suzan Kirson, spinster, complayneth that she is with childe, begotten by Nicholas Hampton of Readinge, joyner; and saith he promised her mariage. The said Nicholas denyeth not, but he intended mariage with her and will marry her fourthwith; vizt. Tuesdaye come senight.

[p. 210.] xxj° Julii, 1626. Coram Rogero Knight, generoso, *Majore.*

It was informed that Mr. Randall Walton hath grevously hurt Mr. Richard Arrowsmyth in suche sort that he is in danger and likely to dye, &c.

[Ad Assisas proximas post festum Sancti Michaelis proximum, *in margin.*]

Randalphus Walton cognovit se debere domino Regi 40*li.* quod ipse compareat Samuel Walton manuc'. pro ipso in viginti libris } ad proximas Assisas ad respondendum ad omnia que, etc.

Per sese. Relaxatur.

xxj° Julii, 1626, ac ij^do^ regni regis Caroli, etc.

xxxj° Julii, 1626, 2° tempore summoniti.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus *, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight*.

Mr. John Saunders *, John Newman, William Kendricke †, Richard Winche †, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell *, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston †, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren *, John Jenyns.

With the most parte of the other Subsidye men in the Towne.

Coram { Francisco Knollis / Thoma Vachell } Knightes.

At this daye (beinge the last of July) a second meetinge of the most able men was had in the Towne Hall, concerninge the revisinge of moneys to supply the Kinge's warrantes according to lettres to the Justices, vizt. of free guift by the second lettres explayninge the former.

* Absent on July 21. † Absent on July 31.

And it was then and there generally with one consent and with one voyce resolved and aunswered that every man was willinge his Majestie's want of money should be supplyed, but not in manner as it is required; and desire there maye be a Parlyament, for then all men should be bound to paye a parte by subsidyes and xv^ens^.

[p. 211.] [4] 24° Julii, 1626. Coram Rogero Knight, generoso, *Majore*, etc.

Then Elizabeth, the wief of Walter Samuell, did complayne that her husband doth daily misuse her, beate and ill intreat her, and threaten to kill her, and to choppe her as small as herbes to the pott. She did take her corporall oath, &c., and prayed securitie that she may live in peace.

26° Julii, 1626.

Walterus Samuell cognovit se debere domino Regi xx*li.* Simon Cane et Matheus Turnour de Reading predicta manuceperunt pro ipso separatim in x*li.* per se } quod ipse compareat ad proximam Sessionem Pacis ad respondendum, etc., et interim quod teneat pacem et precipue erga Elizabetham uxorem ejus.

Walter Samuell. Simon ꝛ Cane. Matew Tornor.

[Ad Sessionem Pacis, *in margin.*] Relaxatus per querentem.

28° Julii, 1626. Coram Rogero Knight, *Majore*, etc.

Complaint was made that John Barrett, shoomaker, hath striken and wounded one Edward Cowper, servant to Mr. Carter.

[Assises, *in margin.*] Johannes Barrett cognovit se debere domino Regi xl*li.*

Thomas Richardes, Ricardus Booth } manucep'. separatim sub pena xx*li.* quod predictus Johannes Barrat performaret, etc. } quod ipse compareat ad proximas Assisas ad respondendum ad omnia que, etc., et interim se bene gereret erga dominum Regem et cunctum populum et precipue erga predictum Edwardum Cowper.

John Barrett +
Thomas Richardes
Richard Booth

[4] This and the next entry are crossed through in the MS.

[Ad Assisas, *in margin.*] [5] 29 Julii, 1626. Coram Rogero Knight, *Majore.*

Memorandum, quod Francis Long de Henley super Thamsem, in com. Oxon., yeoman, cognovit [se] debere domino Regi 40*li.*

Thomas Locke de Reading, &c.
Thomas Hamblen de Reading, &c.
} manuceperunt pro ipso separatim sub pena xx*li.*

} quod ipse compareat ad proximam Sessionem Pacis ad respondendum ad omnia que, etc.

[Sessionem Pacis, *in margin.*] Super filum.

[p. 212.] Tuesdaye, j° Augusti, 1626.

Then, accordinge to precept, a returne of all the able men betwene xvj and lx, within the said Boroughe, was made by the Constables to the Deputie Lievtenauntes, &c., and there are found, and returned to the Deputie Lievtenauntes:

In High ward	326
In Minster ward	208
In London ward	167
In Newe ward	182
In Olde ward	215
	1,098

16° Augusti, 1626.

The complaint of James Widmore of Shiplacke in com. Oxon., plow-wright, before Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour*, saith that uppon Mondaye last, the xiiij[th] of August, about 4 of the clocke in the afternoone, his house was broken and there hence he lost one list coverlitt, one payre of hempe sheetes, one shirt, and one paire of white yarne stockyns, all whiche he saith are his goodes, found about Roger Lee by Cunstable Towne.

[Assis. prox. sequen., *in margin.*] Cognovit se debere domino Regi xl*li.* ad prosequendum versus Rogerum Lee ad proximas Assisas in Berkes.

Eodem die Augusti, 1626. Richard Richardes of Shiplacke, in com. Oxon., husbandman, complayneth and saith his dwelling house in Shiplacke, about xij and j of the clocke, upon Monday was senight, viz[t]., [*blank*] die Augusti, was broken open, and there hence

[5] The entry for this day is crossed through in the MS.

lost one payre of cloth breches of sad kersey cloth, one jerkyn of the same, one wascote lynsey wolsey, one black hatt, one horseman's coate, grenishe color, two red peticotes, one woollen wascote, one grene sary aperne, one cipres hat bond, and a payre of yellowe garters. Nihil ad hoc per predictum Ricardum Richardes factum fuit.

[Ad Assisas, *in margin.*] The confession of Roger Lee, taken at Reading.

Saith he dwelleth at Basingstoke, and liveth there by the trade of a weaver, and came there hence on Friday last from the house of his sister Alice Simpson, the wief of Bryan Sympson, a stockarder; noe company. Friday night he lodged at Kingesclere, from thence to Newberye, and from thence to Thacham, and lodged Saturdaye night in the feildes; Sonday in the cuntrye about Pangborne at Mr. Hide's, and from thence to Theale, and Sonday night in the feildes. Monday in Berkshire about Theale and in the cuntry, and Tuesday morning to Reading to the signe of the Raven, in the company of John Vyner and John Curtys, who mett at Theale, and came to the Raven, and being drinking ij or iij pottes of beer the Constables came and apprehended them; noe goodes; his wief dead. Not this haulf yere in Oxfordshiere. Not in the gaole synce last Assises, but the last weeke on Saturday was senight, and there mett with his freind Curtys, and stayd there an hower or two, and as touchinge the canvas sheete and white stockyns and shirt, he saith it was his owne, for he bought the sheete of a traveller by the way and cost ij*s*. On Monday was senight. Roger Lee sent to gaole.

[p. 213.] The confession of John Vyner taken at Reading.

Saith he dwelleth at Currevill in Somersettshiere: there was borne and liveth there by the trade of a kersey wever: and about fortnight past came there hence intending to goe to London to a sister there dwelling in Broad strete, a habb[erdashe]r of small wares (Thomas Cree), he did worke by the waye, and Sonday night lodged with his wief at Spenham land, and until Monday evening stayd (?), and uppon Tuesdaye morning came into this towne to the house where the Constables had him, and in his companye thither there came theise two men nowe in question: he mett with them this side Theale, in the highwaye, upon Mondaye last almost at night, and they all lodged in a hay-reeke all that night, betweene Theale and Reading. He was never in Oxfordshiere: he brought the sheete found about him with him, his mother gave it to him.

Yet presently he said the little fellowe gave him the sheete upon Monday night last; and he sawe noe coverlitt they had about them, nor any other goodes or apparell to his knowledge. Sent to the house of correccion.

Afterwardes, vizt. 18° Augusti, coram predicto *Majore*, Johanne Saunders, Thoma Turnor et Nicholao Gunter, the said Roger Lee said indeed he sold the sheete found about John Vyner to the said Vyner, for xx*d.* at the hay-reeke.

The confession of John Curtys taken at Reading.

Saith he late dwelt at Newberye, and there was borne, and apprentice to the trade of a broadwever, and synce he was delivered out of the house of correccion at Reading he hath lived at Calne in Wilteshire, with one John Bedford, and about Monday last was senight he came from thence, and spent his tyme in seeking worke, and uppon Friday night last past he came to Reading and lodged at the White Swan, and upon Saturdaye last and Sondaye he spent his tyme in the gaole, and Monday in and about this towne, and towardes night, walking about night [*sic*] intending to lodge in a hay reeke, mett with theise ij men in question, being strangers to him; for he never sawe them nor either of them; he was not in Oxfordshiere theise iiij^or yeres. He saith he borrowed a horseman's coate, color greenishe, of a waynman by the waye, betwixt Marleboroughe and Hungerford, and upon Saturday night last he carryed the coate to Twiford and there delivered it to the wayneman agayne. He knoweth the said Roger Lee, and hath byn acquaynted with him haulf a dussen yeres, and haveing mett togither they intended to goe to London together, and hath noe acquayntance with the other man, nor knewe him not untill Monday night last. Saith he hath noe other apparell in this towne nor ells where. Hath noe wief. To the house of correccion.

James Widmore . . . ad prosequendum ad proximas Assisas versus Rogerum Lee et Johannem Vyner.

[p. 214.] 18° die Augusti, 1626, ac 2° regni regis Caroli, etc.

Curia sive Sessio Hugonis Maii, armigeri, Clerici Marcati Hospitii domini Regis totius regni Anglie, etc. tenta coram Carolo Walker, generoso, deputato predicti Hugonis Maii assignato per scriptum sigillatum et datum 2° Jan., j° regni regis Caroli.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. John Saunders.

Sex eorum juratorum ad supervisores mensurarum et ponderum per se.

Nomina Juratorum pro domino Rege.

Johannes Blake, primus, juratus.		Richard Markham William Streche William Mylls	jurati.
Johannes Nashe Symon Dye Robert Jones Thomas Syms	jurati.	John Parrett John Watlington Walter Fynmore	jurati.
Thomas Bateman Johannes Smyth Thomas Lawrence	jurati.		

[p. 215.] Mondaye, 21° Augusti, 1626, 2° regni Regis.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus *, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger *, Mr. Walter Bateman *, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, William Kendricke, Robert Bent, William Brackston, George Thorne, Anthony Brackston, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

Agreed that uppon Tuesdaye come fortnight, vizt. to-morrowe fortnight, a meetinge shalbe of the Company, to treat, consult and consider of Mr. Kendricke's busynes and Mr. John Blagrave's busynes. Mr. Kendricke's busynes in the forenoone and Thomas Lowgrove to be warned to be there in the forenone. And Mr. John Blagrave's busynes at two of the clock in the afternoone, and Danyell Blagrave to be here also. Agreed there shalbe a dynner that daye provided for the Company meeting at that tyme to the value of 20*s*.[6], at the charge of the Hall.

At this daye Mr. Gunter's assurance to this Corporacion concerninge the payment of xij*li*. per annum for charitable uses was agayne in question.

* Marked as absent.

[6] 26*s*. 8*d*. altered to 20*s*.

At this daye the xx*li.* geven by Mr. Ironsede, and paid into Mr. Mayour's handes by the executours, was paid into the handes of Willyam Wylmer, [who] shall paye consideracion for it to the use of the poore soe longe as he shall hold the money, after the rate of xxvj*s.* viij*d.* per annum.

[p. 216.] Saturdaye, 26° die Augusti, 1626. Coram Rogero Knight, *Majore.*

[Ad Assisas, *in margin.*] The confession of Hughe Patye.

Saith that about a yere nowe past he was in the house of one William Griffyn, in Fryer streete, in Readinge, and there did see Griffyn's wief laye a peice of white waxe and paper into the chimney, under the brickes, but to what purpose he knoweth not; neither doth he knowe whoe made or wrote the charme, or where the woman had it.

Hughe Patye cognovit se debere domino Regi xl*li.*		quod ipse compareat ad proximas Assisas ad respondendum ad omnia et quod interim se bene geret, etc.
Thomas Barnes de, etc., et William Paise de, etc.	manuceperunt separatim in xx*li.*	

Hugo Patye, Thomas Barnes, Wil Payes.

Ellyn Beale.

Saith that upon Tuesdaye last in the evening, about 8 of the clocke, Hughe Patye came to her house discontented in mynd, in the company of his wief, Mistris Welbecke, Goodwife Glover, An Glover and Margery Coverye, and asked leave of this Examinate to come thoroughe her house to goe into the next house, wherein William Griffyn did dwell, and requested them to goe with him to see the wickednes of Griffyn's wief, and the witchery she intended against his wief and her husband, and then requested Mathewe Beale to pull downe certen brickes in the chimney, and within 4 or 5 brickes they should see her villany, but at that tyme they could fynd nothinge; yett afterwardes this Examinate had further speches with the said Hughe Patye, whoe still was vexed, he using wordes of discontent; the said Examinate upon Thursdaye morning went agayne into the said house, and in the same place pulled downe a bricke more, and there she found a small paper with a rusty pyn in it, and upon the paper was written the word Elizabeth 4 tymes, and the word Paty once, and with all a peice of browne paper waxed or pasted, and

almost consumed, whiche she presently delivered to Robert Harbert to deliver to the Constables. All whiche Hughe confesseth is true.

William Griffyn saith he can saye nothing of any practise he knoweth against him by Hughe Patye or Griffyn's wief, but upon Tuesdaye last and Wensdaye at night the said Hughe Patye was at this Examinate's house, where he nowe dwelleth, and did misuse him in wordes and did kicke him grevously; and at his goeing away said, at thy other house there lyeth under 4 or 5 brickes that whiche will consume the, and said further that this Examinate's wief this twelvemonth hath intended to poyson him.

Hughe Patye not denyeing theise thinges saith he was not himselfe.

[p. 217.] Eodem die [26 Aug.]

Elizabeth Griffyn, the wief of William Griffen.

Beinge examyned concerninge the layeing of the charme in writing and waxe in the chimney, under the brickes of her dwelling house, and of the circumstances thereof, saith she never did see any suche thing; neither did she knowe of the layeing of any suche thinge in the chimney, or of any practise of any suche thinge; neither doth she knowe any witche, charmer, inchaunter or sorcerer in the world, and further denyeth the havinge of any suche thinge.

Willelmus Griffyn cognovit se debere domino Regi xx*li.*

Willelmus Greene de, etc., et
Richardus Sparkes de, etc., wever, etc.
} manucep' pro predicta Elizabetha separatim sub pena x*li.*

} quod ipsa compareat coram domino Rege ad proximas Assisas et gaolam deliberandam ad respondendum ad omnia que.

Richardus Sparkes
Willelmus Griffen

Willelmus Greene cognovit, sed non subscripsit; per W. Wr.

29 Augusti, 1626. Coram Rogero Knight, *Majore*, etc.

Henricus Spier de, etc., cognovit se debere domino Regi x*li.*

Abraham Paise de, etc.
Edward Taylour de, etc.
} manuc'. separatim sub pena v*li.*

} quod comparabit ad proximam generalem Sessionem Pacis ad respondendum, et quod interim non teneat alehouse, etc.

Wensdaye, 30 Augusti, 1626.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour*, Mr. Nicholas Gunter*, Mr. Robert Maulthus*, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger*, Mr. Walter Bateman*, Mr. Anthony Knight*.

[p. 218.] Eleccion daye, Fridaye, j° Septembris, 1626, et ij° regni regis Caroli.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour*. Sir Thomas Clerke, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Secondarye Burgesses.

John Newman*, William Kendricke*, Richard Winche*, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brakston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns*.

At this daye the said Mayour and Capitall Burgesses by direccions of their chartre did nomynate and apoynt 3 of the said Capitall Burgesses to sitt in eleccion to th'intent that one of those 3 shalbe elected and chosen Mayour for the next yeare, as by their chartre is required.

1. Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mayour elect, IIIIIIIIIIIIIIII [16].
2. Mr. William Iremonger.
3. Mr. Nicholas Gunter.

Agreed by all the Company that Widowe Belgrave shall have some allowaunce towardes the placinge of one of her children the next weeke.

Richard Lowbridge, nayle-maker, borne in towne, apprentice in London, was complayned uppon for using his trade, in Readinge, of nayle makinge. Refer'd till Quarter daye.

Tuesdaye, 5° Septembris, 1626.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour*. Mr. Christofer Turnour, elect, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus,

* Marked as absent.

Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. William Iremonger*, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Mr. John Saunders*, John Newman*, William Kendricke*, Richard Winche*, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Arther Curtys, Anthony Brackston, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

Agreed that some course lynnen shalbe lent to cloth Butler, and order shalbe taken that it shalbe paid out of his worke.

Agreed that Widowe Belgrove shall have to apparell one of her children xiij*s.* iiij*d.* in money.

At this daye Mr. John Blagrave and Danyell Blagrave came and had muche conference with the Company, for and concerninge the xvj*li.* due to the Company for money expended about former sutes, and for the acquittances for 800(?)*li.* paid by him for legacyes, and for the 100*li.* unpaid for the first yere their father had his lease.

But it was not denyed as to pay the xvj*li.* and promised to bring in the acquitances, havinge a discharge for them, whiche was agreed to be done, and received ij dedes, and he promised to come, and it was further offered if Mr. John Blagrave would be bound to save harmles the Company against all legatees and others, concerninge the 100*li.*, and pay the 16*li.* due, he should have the 50*li.* in hand. Daniell offered to be bound, but Mr. John denyed, and soe with many wordes not ended.

[p. 219.] Mondaye, 11° Septembris, 1626, 2° regni regis Caroli, etc.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour.* Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus*, Mr. William Maulthus*, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman*, Mr. Anthony Knight*.

Mondaye, xvij° die Septembris, 1626, et 2° regni regis Caroli.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour*, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus*, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight*.

Francis Headache, spinster, having byn char-huswief ij yeres or more with Goodwife Russell, payeing 3*d.* a weeke for her lodgeing

* Marked as absent.

was comytted by Mr. Mayour to the hospitall for her idle lief and nightwalking.

William Densill, Thomas Towne.

John Jorden, for her idle course, Francis Browne's wief, and others.

21° die Septembris, 1626. Margerye Wall, widowe, and Katherine Tomkyns, the wief of Robert Tomkyns, saye that they heard Luce Merrifeild saye that Mr. Clerke and Mr. Gunter were Goodwife Russell's freindes and would stand to her as formerlye they had byne.

Jane Monke, and Jane her daughter heard the same and other speaches concerning a writt for Mr. Mayour.

Goodwief Clayton saith that when Goodwife Russell's mayde was by Mr. Mayour comitted to the Ospitall the said Goodwife Russell came thither and willed her mayd that she should not worke, as she was commanded, and threatned her, if she did worke she would beat her; and the said Goodwife Clayton said if she did not worke she would best her; then Goodwife Russell said to her maid, if she doe beat the, lay thy cardes in her face, and withall challenged Goodwife Clayton fourth of doores, and 3 severall times threatned her in divers kyndes, at her house, the hospitall.

Faith Seyward saith that she did heare Goodwife Russell saye that she did not care a fart for Mr. Mayour, and she would goe to him if it pleased her, and not otherwise. Theise wordes were spoken at speaches betwene Mr. Atwater and her.

[p. 220.] Quarter daye, die Veneris, 21° Septembris, 1626, 2° regni regis Caroli.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour*. Mr. Christofer Turnour, Major elect, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Secondarye Burgesses.

John Saunders, Esquier, John Newman, claud*us*, absent, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, absent, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, absent, George Thorne, absent, John Blake, absent, Arther Curtys, absent, Anthony Brackston, absent, John Bagley, absent, Richard Burren, absent, John Jenyns, absent.

At this daye Saloman Russell, Richard Seley, Timothie Banister, Lawrence Creed, Richard Castell, Roger Frewyn, Alexander Rivers, the lame man, Mathewe Jackson . . . . } fremen Taylours,

requested that noe forreynour Taylours maye be made free of this Corporacion, for theise Complainants are poore men. They were warned for receyvinge strangers journeymen without certificate or testimonyall at their perills.

At this daye Thomas Sawser was forbidden the buyeing and selling of any linsey wolsey stuffe in Readinge, but onely what he maketh himself.

At this daye Steven Foorde's wief was allowed to keepe markett as before she had done in this towne, with aperninge, payeing x*s.* per annum as before she did, but not to be free of the towne.

If John Nobes, whelewright, doe paye 40*s.*; vizt. 10*s.* in hand, 10*s.* this weeke, and 20*s.* next weeke, then he shalbe inrolled a freeman.

Robert Westmerland, brickmaker.

Memorandum, to make a certificate for Mr. Robert Maulthus to shewe his freedome for payeing tolle in other places.

At this daye Richard Drewe, the sonne of William Drewe, made request to be tollerated to keepe markett with his collers and wares he maketh, and it was agreed, he payeinge x*d.* a quarter, he shall keepe markett here at the will and pleasure of this Company, and noe longer.

Lease to Hughe Larkham of the house in Fryerstrete, for 3 lives, at 30*s.* rent, herryott and covenauntes, prout, etc., being at Michellmas next.

[p. 221.] Mondaye, 25° Septembris, 1626.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour* °. Mr. Christofer Turnour, elect °, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Mr. John Saunders °, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent °, William Brackston °, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Arther Curtys °, Anthony Brackston, John Bagley, Richard Burren °, John Jenyns.

° Marked as present.

John Russell was further examyned concerning his wordes before Mr. Mayour, being required in the Kinge's Majestie's name to delyver his servant to be examined, denyed and said he would not deliver her, for noe man's pleasure and other wordes of contempt. Sent to Counter.

His wief was examined of divers matters of abuse and contempt to the Mayour and Constables; saith she will keepe her mayd in despight of all, and said it will not serve Mr. Mayour's turne, and many other abusive wordes against [the] Mayour and Constables. Sent to gaole for her ill behaviour and disturbance of the Mayour and Constables executing their offices.

Memorandum, that Mr. Mayour cause the Counter busynes to be sent to the Cofferer, Mr. Dewell, to be carryed to Sir Francis.

31° Septembris, 1626.

John Wells saith he liveth by the trade of a sive-maker at Bradfeild, and ells-where, and saith he lodged one night at John Russell's house in Reading, with himself.

Bridgett Jewell saith she is with childe by John Wells, and none ells. He hath layen with her 3 tymes, j on Low Sonday night last, 2. about May-daye, 3. on Whitson Wensday at night. He denyeth it in parte.

Frances Headache saith there is noe love betwene John Wells and her, and that he lodged at Russell's house Saturdaye night last.

[p. 222.] Mondaye, ij° Octobris, 1626, et ij° regni regis Caroli, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Roger Knight, *Mayour*. Mr. Christofer Turnour, elect, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

John Saunders, Esquier, John Newman, *egrotatus*, William Kendricke, absent, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, absent, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

* Marked as absent.

At this daye Mr. Christofer Turnour, formerly Elect Mayour, by direccions of the chartre before his last predecessour Mayour, did take 1. the oath of Supremacye.

2. the oath of Mayour and Justice of Peace.

3. the oath of Clerke of the Markett.

And by consent of his Brethren, the Magestrates, did then name and apoynt the Cofferers:

And the said newe Mayour did then apoynt Constables, Wardens and other Officers for this yeare.

Mr. George Thorne Mr. John Blake	Cofferers, jurati.
Thomas Harrison Willyam White	Constables, jurati.
Robert Stevens Henry Frewyn	Gardiani Alte warde, jurati.
John Bartlett Richard Levyns	Gardiani Minster garde, jurati.
Frauncis Booth Richard Barnes	Gardiani London garde, jurati.
William Jackson Henry Marten	Gardiani Veteris garde, jurati.
George Warner John Burnam	Gardiani Nove garde, jurati.

At this daye the said late Mayour declared the accomptes of all the rentes, revenues, stockes and somes of money in his charge for charitable uses in the yere of his Mayoraltie; and it appeared by th'accompt that all the somes and stockes geven to be kept alive were kept alive, accordinge to th'intent of the donours.

And that all the moneys lymitted to be disposed in charitable uses in his yeare were disposed as by th'accomptes appeareth, and over and above in good uses iiij*li.* xiij*s.* v*d.*, whiche is debt to the old Cofferer.

At this daye Mr. Gunter offered to the Companye if the assurance he made for the 12*li.* per annum be not good, then he will make it good to all intentes and purposes.

[p. 223.] Die Jovis, scilicet 5° die Octobris, 1626, et ij° regni regis Caroli, etc.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr.

Roger Knight *, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

Robert Bent, John Dewell, John Bagley, Richard Burren.

At this daye the Law daye for this Boroughe was holden before the said Mayour and Burgesses.

Nomina Juratorum.

George Wooldridge, juratus, primus.

Thomas Towne	jurati.	John Milksoppe	jurati.
Thomas Thackham		William Sanders	
John Turnour		Henry Alright	
Richard Johnson, junior		James Winche	
William Blacknall		William Mathewe	
William Curtys		George Millisent	
John Nicholls		Henry Walker	
William Horne		Samuell Johnson	

James West . . . } jurati, searchers of cloth et obligati separatim in 40*li.*
William Blacknall . . }

[p. 224.] Mondaye, 9° Octobris, 1626, et ij^do regni regis Caroli.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus *, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

John Saunders, Esq. *, John Newman *, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston *, George Thorne, John Dewell, John Blake *, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley *, Richard Burren, John Jenyns *.

At this daye question was made with Thomas Lowgrove about a lease of the farme of North Streete for 21 yeres at 61*li.* per annum, with the use of the goodes in the schedulle as nowe he holdeth; whiche he denyed to holde at that rate.

Agreed and a lease was at this daye graunted to Thomas Lowgrove of the farme landes and premisses at Nothstreete, to hold from Michaellmas last for xxj yeres, at 56*li.* rent, and under the like exceptions, covenantes and condicions as in the old lease, with

* Marked as absent.

a bond. Faciendum et sigillandum ad proximam Sessionem Majoris et Burgensium.

Thomas Lowgrove ⊤ his marke.

Memorandum, the goodes shalbe praised by ij indifferent men betwene this Company and Mr. Kendricke.

At this daye the ij deedes formerly delivered out of the Hall to Mr. John Blagrave and Jerome Pococke were agayne brought into the Hall; this daye and taken into the Hall charge.

Memorandum, to see the booke for the yeere Mr. Gunter was Mayour, for Mr. John Blagrave's promise concerninge the charges of sute in lawe for Mr. Blagrave's lease.

Eodem die coram Majore et Capitalibus Burgensibus.

Whereas John Gibson, th'apprentice of Thomas Towne, being in the House of Correccion for some misdemeanours against his Master, yt is nowe ordered that the said John Gibson shall returne to his Master, and serve the rest of his tyme accordinge to his Indenture, and if his Master shall denye and will not receave him, then his Master shalbe called agayne to shewe further cause, and to doe what further shalbe thought fitt.

18° Octobris, 1626. Then it was agreed that Thomas Towne shall freely deliver uppe th'Indenture and discharge th'apprentice, and then he shalbe put over to Steven Webster for the rest of the terme, and th'apprentice to pay.

16° Octobris, 1626. Then Edward Coxhed, eldest sonne of Mr. Henry Coxhed, deceassed, and Anne his wief, in the company of Mr. John Blagrave, came and demanded his legacye geven him by his uncle, Mr. John Blagrave, deceassed, affirming he is aged 27 yeres or thereaboutes. He hath byn at sea vj yeres. Agreed he shall be first paid.

[p. 225.] xviij° die Octobris, 1626, et ij° regni regis Caroli.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus*, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight*.

At this daye it was agreed that a taxe shalbe made amongest th'inhabitantes for the moneys expended this weeke about the

* Marked as absent.

lodgeinge of the 37 soldiers, 8*d.* a peice, and their horse and carriages, and other charges spent and to be spent about souldyers and their conduct, &c. Taxe hereafter.

Mondaye, 23° die Octobris, 1626, ac ij° regni regis Caroli, etc.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus.

Agreed that Robert Westmerland shall doe all the mason's worke of and about the repayringe and buyldinge the decayed parte of the Counter house within 4 weekes next followeinge; he shall doe all thinges substancially and workmanlike, and fynd all materialls thereunto at his owne chardges, accordinge to good meaning, and for his paynes he shall have xiij*li.* Robert Westmearland.

Agreed alsoe that Richard Breddes shall doe all the carpenter's worke of and about the same workes within the said 4 weekes, he shall fynd all thinges thereunto, vizt. to the carpenter's worke and workmanshippe belonging, and doe it substanciallye with good stuffe and finishe all his particuler workes, accordinge to good meaninge, and for his paynes and labour he shall have viij*li.* Richard Breaddes.

Lead and glasse is excepted.

[p. 226.] Mondaye, 29° Octobris, 1626, ac ij^do^ regni regis Caroli, etc.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour *, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

William Kendricke.

At this daye Nathaniell Hersey did agayne agree and bargayne to doe the office of skavinger for another yere from Michaellmas last past, vizt., he hath promised well and sufficiently to clense, sweepe, ridd and carry awaye weekly all the soile arisinge in and about the Markett places and Markett streetes hereafter named, vizt. from the Sun dore upwardes all that streete to Thomas Thackham's hall dore, from thence the streete at the Bucher Rewe end to John Dewell's hall dore, from thence all the Markett streetes and Market places upwardes to the Walke, from and by all the Walke to the Counter dore. From thence all the Markett place and streetes downewardes by the Shoomaker Rewe unto the Smythe's, next to the Taylour's dore there.

* Marked as absent.

And he shall alsoe weekly clense, ridd and carry awaye all the soile arising in and about the grates in the Towne, usually rid at the Towne chardges. And for his paynes he shall have this yeare xiiij*li.* paid him quarterly by the Cofferer, provided that he shall geve warninge at Midsomer next if he intend to leave the office; and he to hold at the pleasure of this Company, and to have like warninge to be gone.

Nathaniell H Hersey.

15*li.* : Edward Shippey.

At this daye it was agreed that candle lightes shall every darke eveninge be warned and charged accordinge to the orders established.

Memorandum, that the haglers and forestallers of the Markett shalbe warned by Mr. Mayour, &c.

Memorandum, agreed that waightes and skales shalbe provided for the buyers and sellours of meale in the Markett place by the Cofferer.

Memorandum, all sortes of bread for whiche there is noe assize, usually soulde in this Markett, maye be taken awaye.

Memorandum, to make a taxe to raise the money expended about the Souldyers, as apereth by the Constables' bills, and by the Churche bookes.

Memorandum, Edward Coxed, eldest sonne of Henry Coxed and Anne his wief, aged 27 yeres, at this daye made request to have his legacye of xxv*li.* due by his uncle John Blagrave's will, and it was agreed that it[7] shalbe paid him at Goodfriday next, at the rent cominge in, and in the meane tyme to content himself and borowe the money of some friend.

William Hinde, a forreynour dyer, keepeth a comon dy-house in this Corporacion, was forbidden soe to use that trade, but to worke as a journeyman as before he hath done.

[p. 227.] Wensdaye, j° Novembris, 1626, ac ij^do^ regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Christopher Turnour, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus *, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. William Iremonger *, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

[7] he, MS.

* Marked as absent.

Mr. John Saunders, Mr. John Newman, Richard Burren.

At this daye was delivered to Mr. Saunders, the coppie of Mr. Blagrave's will, [and] the counterpart of Mr. Alexander Blagrave's old lease.

At this daye Mr. Roger Knight made his accomptes of the hundred poundes of Mr. Kendricke's money geven to this Company to be paid to the mariage of 50 poore maides, and the particulers beinge seene and allowed there remayned in money iiij*s.* iiij*d.* for the Cofferer and certen debt to the value of xx*li.*, or there-aboutes, whiche Mr. Kendricke's money shall paye to the Cofferer, soe the Hall hence-fourth must paye the maides unpaid till all the 100*li.* be paid.

At this daye one quietus for the yeare Mr. William Maulthus was Mayour was taken out of the Chest and delivered to Mr. Roger Knight, to be brought in agayne, &c.

The particulers and acquitances and the iiij*s.* iiij*d.* are in the Cettle next to the dore.

4° Novembris, 1626. Coram Christofero Turnour, *Majore.*

Robert Abrey, gentleman, complayneth that John Higges of P[angborne] will beate, wound and evill intreat him and therefore prayeth security of his peace. Certificatum.

Johannes Higges cognovit se debere domino Regi xx*li.* . . . Willelmus White et Ricardus Hedache de Tidmarshe in comitatu predicto, yeomen, manuceperunt separatim in x*li.*	quod compareat ad proximam Sessionem Pacis tenendam in com. predicto, et quod interim teneat pacem domini Regis, etc., et precipue versus Robertum Abrey.

Johanna Butler de Pangborne in comitatu [predicto], vidua, cognovit se debere domino Regi	xx*li.*	quod ipsa compareat ad proximam Sessionem Pacis, etc., et quod interim pacem.
Johannes[8] Higges de Pangborne et Ricardus[9] Headache de Tidmarshe	manucep'. separatim in x*li.*	

Joan X Butler, John Hyggs, Richard X Headache.

[8] Joh'em, MS. [9] Ric'm, MS.

[p. 228.] Mondaye, 6 Novembris, 1626, ac ij^do regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight *, William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman *, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

John Newman *, William Kendricke, Richard Winche *, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne *, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtyce *, John Bagley *, Richard Burren, John Jenyns *.

The confession of Steven Hatche of Sandwiche in Kent, taken idle in Readinge.

Saith the cause of his beinge in this cuntry was to seeke after a mayde gone from her frindes and especially to see the cuntry. Being demanded where he had the 5 paire of stockyns found in his breeches, whiche he . . . . beinge of severall makinges and cullers and prices, saith he had them and more at London of a stranger, on the backside of Powle's, in exchange of and for other wares.

Saith he was in Wokingham faire, and would have bought stockyns there. ij Knyves. Sent to the house of correccion untill he bringe certificate where he had the stockyns.

The confession of John Mason, noe dwelling, but liveth by his labour as a husbandman.

Saith he was at Okingham faire, in the company of the same man and another John: they lodged noe where that night, but all three satt uppe in a house at Wokingham, havinge noe signe but a bottell of haye. They came altogether to Reading; he hath knowen and byn acquaynted with the said Steven Hatche, ever synce Midsomer last, and mett with him at Winsor. He had the paire of stockyns of the said lame man, by the waye to Reading, and paid 4*s*. for them. Saith he was borne at Cheively and is nowe goeinge to them. Comitted to the house of correccion.

The confession of John Dolman, dwelling noe where, but hath wrought in harvest last at Brensitt in the marshe, where he came acquaynted with the said Steven Hatche, and then lent him xx*s*.

* Marked as absent.

And he mynding to goe to his freindes in the Isle of Wight, went to Sandwiche to fetche his money of them, and Steven he was not then at home, but his wief said her husband was at Winsor, and thereupon he and the said John Mason came together to Winsor, and then the said Steven was gone to Okingham fayre, and they both went to Okingham and there mett with him, and they all stayd at a house till 9 or 10 a clocke in the night, and then they all with a boy came to Reading. He had the paire of blue stockyns of Steven Hatche, for ij*s.* and vj*d.* at Reding. Comitted to house of correccion.

At this daye it was agreed by all that if Mr. John Blagrave will paye the charges expended about the former sutes, and secure this Company of and for the 100*li.* in question, it shalbe accepted, otherwise sute shalbe commenced, as by Counsell is advised.

Eodem die [6 Nov.], coram Majore et Burgensibus predictis.

Steven Chittendon, borne at Sandwiche, aged [*blank*] yeres, apprentice to Steven Hatche to learne the trade of a taylour, saith his Master bought the stockyns in question behinde Powle's, as he thinketh. Saith he came from Okingham in the company of his Master, and the ij other men the fayre daye, in the night, about xj of the clocke in the night, and came to Reading about 8 of the clocke in the morning with intent to goe to Uxbridge. House of correccion.

Memorandum, at this daye Mr. John Blagrave exhibited one acquitance for 500*li.* of the legacies by him paid, to be advised of; and muche other talke was about the 100*li.* behinde, and about xvj*li.* for charges whiche he then denyed to pay; and nothinge ells done.

[p. 229.] 7° Novembris, 1626, et ij° regni regis Caroli.

Ad Sessionem Pacis, *in margin.*] Steven Hatche predictus cognovit se debere domino Regi x*li.*		quod compareat ad proximam Sessionem Pacis ad respondendum ad omnia, etc., et quod interim, etc.
Johannes Hatche de Winsor in comitatu predicto, habberdasher, et Stephanus[1] Faithorne de Reding, wever	manucep'. separatim in v*li.*	

Stephanus Hatche ⌀, John Hatch, Steven Faithorne.

[1] Stephanum, MS.

Mondaye, 13° die Novembris, anno Domini 1626, et 2° regni regis Caroli.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus *, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. William Iremonger *, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

John Newman, William Kendricke *, Richard Winche *, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake *, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys *, John Bagley, Richard Burren *, John Jenyns *.

At this daye there was 30*li.* of the rent due at Michaellmas last for the farme and landes at North Streete, purchased with parte of the money geven by Mr. John Kendricke, paid and received, and thereof I paid to Mr. Newman xxv*li.*, and to Mr. Joseph Allen, Minister, l*s.*, soe rest in hand.

At this daye it was informed by the workmen, that Sir Frauncis Knolles had forbidden their procedinges in buyldinge of the brick-wall with the budgett in the repairing the outside of the Counter in suche manner as the workmen have begun, affirming the budgett is incroched upon the Forberye grounde, (although it was formerly within the decayed cutting.)

The ground of the budgett without the wall is by measure 8 foote, 2 inches and a haulf in length, and in breadth 4 foote, 2 inches and a haulf, without the wall.

Nowe (savinge the right of this Company to the said ground of the said budgett being of suche length and breadth in regard the prison lyeth open), and kepinge favour with Sir Francis at this tyme, it was agreed that the bricke wall shalbe made straight, the said grounde of the budgett shall lye open to the Forberye and not inclosed.

Agreed that Robert Westmerland shall pull downe the old chimney, and sett upp a newe brick chimney, with ij fireroomes in this worke about the Counter; he shall doe it very well, substanciall and workmanlike, and that with all convenyent speed, and for his paynes about this chimney he shall have iiij*li.* and in full recompence of his damage about the budgett, and he shall repayre th'end of the alehouse.

Robert Westmerland.

* Marked as absent.

[p. 230.] Mondaye, 20° Novembris, 1626, 2° regni regis Caroli.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman *, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

At this daye the Churchwarden and Overseers of the poore of St. Giles' parishe apeared, but nothing done.

Mondaye, 27° Novembris, 1626, ac 2° regni regis Caroli.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour *, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus *, Mr. Roger Knight *, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

William Kendricke, Richard Winche, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye any warrant from the Deputie Lieutenantes for the billottinge of Captayne Jeffard and his company of 88 souldyers, to have fitt lodging and dyett for them after these rates, vizt. every soldyer and sergeant 3*s.* a weeke, the ensigne 5*s.*, the lieutenant 7*s.*, and for the Captayne and other superiour officers as they will agree for themselves, was read. Vide le warrant.

At this daye lettres from the Earle of Banburye concerninge the deteyninge of the vj*li.* fee per annum to Sir Edward Clerke, the Steward, were openly read to this Company. Refer'd untill th'accomptes be made and the seigniour Magistrates presente.

27° Novembris, 1626. Then Thomas Harrison, constable, complayned that William Boules was outragious, threatning to kill his wief, and to sett his house on fire, threatninge to kill all and every one that should resist him, the said Constable tooke ayd and attached him, and thereupon the said Boules stroke at the Constable with his sword, and threatned then to be his death whensoever he should meete with him. Comitted to ward. Vide postea.

* Marked as absent.

Eodem die.
John Stedman, wever
Thomas Burton, wever
and William Wren,
taylour, at
Lawrence Creede's
} came in and witnessed against William Jackson, for procuringe William Bowles, a wever, to run awaye out of the countey, beinge comitted for abusing the Constable.

William Jackson comitted to warde to fynd sureties to aunswere what shalbe laid against him, and to be of good behaviour.

At this daye in regard the extreamitye of the tyme for releivinge travellinge souldyers in this towne .... in great burthen .... it is agreed that the Mayour at th'end of his tyme, upon his accompt thereof he shall have allowance of suche moneys as he shall soe geve in relief of travellinge souldyers; provided noe president.

[p. 231.] Mondaye, 4° Decembris, 1626.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake *.

At this daye the Hall accomptes were made and geven upp by John Dewell, the senior Cofferer for the yeare Mr. Roger Knight was Mayour, vizt. from Michaellmas, 1625, untill Michaellmas, 1626.

The totall of the charge is —

The ordinarye charge this yere —

The extraordinarye charge — [*sic*]

The particulers of all whiche appeare uppon the rent rolle and accomptes fixed together.

At this daye alsoe Mr. Roger Knight made his accomptes of all the moneys he receaved in the yeare he was Mayour, and it was allowed in all thinges, savinge the allowances of charges he spent when he and others of the Magistrates were comitted to the [ ] by the Lordes, &c., and soe at that tyme refer'd untill the next meeting.

Wensdaye, 6° die Decembris, 1626.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman *, Mr. Anthony Knight.

* Marked as absent.

At this daye it was agreed that a taxe shalbe made for the interteynement of 28 souldyers, parte of the 88 under the comand of Captayne Jeffard, and for the intertaynment of the said Captayne, his horse, ij men, and other officers attendinge this service, and the estymacion of the charge will weekly arise to vij*li.* a weeke, whiche shalbe raised by 3 weekes' payement by the Churche booke, and soe after that rate to taxe for a moneth at this tyme.

[p. 232.] Tuesdaye, xij° die Decembris, 1626, ac ij^do^ regni regis Caroli, etc.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche *, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jeninges.

At this daye the Right Honourable Erle of Banberye, and the Lord Carleton and divers Knightes of this Countye, Comissioners for the King's Majestie about the loane, satt all daye in the Counsell Chamber ; and all the Subsidye men of the Towne, beinge warned, did attend in the Hall, but about 4 of the clocke in the afternoone they were dismissed until a newe warninge, and nothinge at that tyme done to my knowledge.

Wensdaye, 20 Decembris, 1626, et 2° regni regis Caroli.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour*, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus *, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

Sir Edward Clerke, Knight, Mr. John Saunders.

Nil factum.

[p. 233.] Quarter daye, Fridaye, xvij^do^ Decembris, 1626, et ij^do^ regni regis Caroli, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

* Marked as absent.

Secondarye Burgesses.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jeninges.

At this daye the Widowe Moore exhibited her peticion to have some further estate in the Butchers' Hill; agreed that some estate shalbe graunted to her, as our Counsell shall advise, not doeinge contrarye to th'entent of the Will, &c. It is indorsed upon the peticion what was done in this.

Lease. At this daye Thomas Darker requested a newe lease of his house for 99 yeres, if 3 lives live.

Yea IIIIIIIIIIIIII [13] at 26*s.* 8*d.* rent. Graunted.

Thomas Darker,
Margarett his wife, } and herriott at every death.
John his sonne,

Complayntes.

At this daye John Smyth, dyer, complayned against William Hinde for usinge the trade of a dyer as a freeman within this Corporacion.

At this daye John Osgood exhibited his peticion for his fredome, it was refer'd untill the next quarter daye to be aunswered.

At this daye it was agreed that the two Cofferers, vizt. George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns shall receave the 2000*li.* due by Mr. Kendricke's will the last of December. They shall have lettre of attorney under the Towne seale. And they all shalbe bound to paye in the money at the Towne Hall within one moneth next after they have receyved the money.

At this daye iiij*li.* of Mr. Kemishe's guift was distributed, vizt.

9 in St. Lawrence parishe
9 in St. Gyles' parishe } 3*s.* 4*d.*
6 in St. Marye's parishe

Vide le file.

At this daye iiij*li.* of Mr. Edward Hamblen's guift was distributed to ten poore men of this towne, according to his will, 8*s.* a peice. Vide le file.

At this daye ten shirtes and smockes of Mr. James Pococke's guift were distributed, vizt.,

4 in St. Giles'.
3 in St. Lawrence.
3 in St. Marye's.

[p. 234.] Wensdaye, 27° Decembris, 1626, ac ij° regni regis Caroli, etc.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour *, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Mr. John Saunders *, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche *, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell *, George Thorne, John Blake *, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys *, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye the Companye mett, intendinge to seale the lettre of attorney, formerly agreed to be sealed, and then and there Mr. Halsteed in his owne persone came into the Hall and before all the Company offered and, Mr. Kendricke with him, promised to paye the 2000*li.* in this place within one moneth nexte followeing. Soe uppon that promise the proceedinges stayed, and the lettre of attorney and bondes rested unfinished.

And it was then alsoe agreed that those sixe men formerly apoynted shall receive the said 2000*li.*, they gevinge bond for the repayment thereof.

5° die Januarii, 1626. Coram Christofero Turnour, *Majore.*

Johannes Watkyns, a souldyer, complayneth that he is grevously hurt and in danger of death by Richard Lowbridge, nayler, and prayeth he may be fourthcominge. Mr. Bowden saith the hurt is dangerous being in his coddes.

[Assise proxime, *in margin.*] Ricardus Lowbridge, naylemaker, cognovit se debere domino Regi xl*li.*
Robertus Howell et Johannes Durvold, nayler, manuceperunt separatim in xx*li.*
} quod ipse Ricardus compareat ad proximas Assisas ad respondendum ad omnia, etc.

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* Marked as absent.

[p. 235.] 29° Decembris, 1626, Coram Christofero Turnour, *Majore*, etc.

The informacion of John Pemmarton.

Saith that uppon Tuesdaye was senight, vizt. 29° die Decembris, about 3 of the clocke in the morninge, a parcell of broad cloth undrest, to the value of 8 yardes, or thereaboutes, and a remnant of kersey cloth of j yard and a haulf was stollen and carryed fourth of his fulling myll in Readinge, and he verily thinketh that Edward Eyres, late one of his servantes, is the partie that did steale it from him.

Johannes Pemmarton cognovit se debere domino Regi 40*li.* } ad prosequendum ad proximas Assisas.

John Pemerton.

[Assises, *in margin.*] Memorandum, to have John Addams, the mylman, to geve evidence.

The confession of Edward Eyres.

Saith that since he departed from John Pemarton's service, which was about 3 weekes past, he hath lived at Rotherwich in com.' Southampton, with his mother, and in all that tyme he was not in Reading. Beinge demanded where he had the remnantes of cloth he delivered to one John Addams, a mylman, dwelling at North Warnborough, saith he found them in the highwaye, nere Readinge, towards end, upon the Wensdaye was senight, in the morning before daye, as he was going to Newberye, and the next daye he delivered them to the said Addams to dresse. Saith further he had noe companye, nor any man was privy or witnesse to the fynding of the cloth. Comitted to gaole.

[Assises, *in margin.*] Informacion. John Addams, of North Warnboroughe in com.' Southampton, clothworker, saith that the said Edward Eyres, uppon Thursday followeinge, brought the same peice of broad cloth undrest to this informour's myll to have it skowred and drest, but the peice of kersey this Complaynant saith was not brought to him, but he saith that the said Ayres had sould it and the broad cloth to one Goodchilde.

Johannes Addams cognovit se debere domino Regi 10*li.* ad prosequendum ad proximas Assisas.

John Addams A his marke.

[p. 236.] Wensdaye, 3° die Januarii, 1626.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour *, Mr. Nicholas Gunter *, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman *, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche *, Robert Bent *, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne *, John Blake *, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys *, John Bagley *, Richard Burren, John Jenyns *.

At this daye muche speach was had of and concerninge the employinge of the money geven by Mr. John Kendricke, accordinge to the will and for Mr. Kendricke's removinge from the house.

xvij° die Januarii, 1626.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour*. Sir Thomas Clerke, Kt., Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Walter Bateman.

Agreed that George Porchmer and Mathewe Jackson shalbe bound eache to other in v*li*. a peice, the one for the truth of th'apprentice, the other for the well using of the boy. Upon Friday next, nisi solut' 16*s*. tunc per agreament pertin'.

Memorandum, this daye Sir Edward Clerke in open court did advise Mr. Mayour to grant execution in the cause dependinge in Court inter Stephanum Good querentem et [*blank*] defendentem, sed non plus dixit.

18° Januarii, 1626. Coram Christofero Turnour, *Majore*.

[Assises, *in margin*.] It is informed that John Browne, one of the Ostelers at the George, is dangerously hurt by a stranger and is in danger of death by that hurt, and the stranger's name is Henry Kerrell, citizen and grocer of London.

[2] Henricus Kerrell cognovit se debere domino Regi xl*li*.
Ricardus Thorneberye civis [3] et barber . . . et
Ricardus Bowerman . . . se sub pena xx*li*.
} quod compareat ad proximas Assisas.

* Marked as absent.

[2] *Henricus* — *Assisas* crossed through in the MS.

[3] cives, MS.

[p. 237.] Mondaye, 22° die Januarii, 1626.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus *, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. William Iremonger *, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

Taxe. At this daye agreed that for the payment of the Souldyers' allowaunces in the towne another taxe shalbe made of th'inhabitantes for a moneth, in the same manner and after the same rate as the former taxe was made, and collected the next weeke, but not before.

Agreed that Mr. Anthony Knight shall have the 50*li.*, soe as John Dewell and Thomas Blackman wilbe bound, payeinge for the loane prout, etc.

Mondaye, 5° Februarii, 1626, et 2° regni regis Caroli, etc.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. William Iremonger, *egrotatus*, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

John Saunders, esq. *, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, *absens*, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

Agreed that uppon Fridaye next the Inholders and Victualers shall be bound according to the proclamacion for the observacion of Lent.

At this daye question was made concerninge the 2000*li.* due by Mr. John Kendricke's will, promised to be paid by Mr. Halsteed, and it was resolved and agreed by the majour parte of the Companye present, that the money shalbe first receaved, and Mr. Kendricke fourth of the house before any buyldinge or proceeding with the imployment of the money shall goe forward.

[p. 238.] Wensdaye, 7° Februarii, 1626.

Mr. Christofer Turnor, *Mayour*. M. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

* Marked as absent.

Complaint was made by John Arther against his apprentice, John Hart, for his misdemeanours of striking and threatninge him.

John Garey, a souldier } witnesses.
William Grantham }

John Arther offereth to depose.

Agreed by the said Mayour and Magestrates that John Arther shall repay Mr. Potinger xx*s.*, and the master and apprentice shall be free, the one from the other, for all that is past.

Mondaye, 12° Februarii, 1626.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour *, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus *, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. William Iremonger *, Mr. Walter Bateman *, Mr. Anthony Knight.

At this daye the Victualers, Inholders, Butchers and others, accordinge to the Kinge's proclamacion dated [*blank*] Januarii, 1626, 2° regni regis Caroli, directed by writt to this Corporacion were warned and bound as followeth, for the observacion of Lent.

Butchers.	
John Rumsey	
John Jones	x*li.*
William Sone	v*li.*
John Porter	v*li.*
Roger Symons	x*li.*
John Browne	v*li.*
Thomas Smythe	v*li.*
Michaell Hamblye [4]	
Thomas Spencer	
Nicholas Gibbyns	
Henry Hamblen	
Fraunces Hamblen	
Thomas Calfey	
John Creed	
Edward Creed	
Henry Creed	

Henry Creed	
John Creed	
Edward Creed	
Robert Howell	
John Porter	x*li.*
William Sone	v*li.*
John Jones	v*li.*
Robert Jaques	x*li.*
William Cranedge	v*li.*
Thomas Spencer	v*li.*
Elizabeth Collyns	x*li.*
Thomas Spencer	
Nicholas Gybbyns	
Richard Shawe	
William Vindge	
William Vindge	
Richard Shawe	

* Marked as absent.

[4] Crossed through in the MS.

Frances Hamblen
Henry Hamblen
Thomas Calfey

Thomas Calfey
Henry Hamblen
Francis [Hamblen?]

[p. 239.] For observacion of Lent, 1626.

High Ward.

Danyell Clere, vitler	x*li.*
George Nethercott	v*li.*
Henry Merne	v*li.*
John Arther	x*li.*
Henry Tubb	v*li.*
George Nethercott	v*li.*
Richard Wytton	x*li.*
James Hall	v*li.*
Robert Creed	v*li.*
James Hall	x*li.*
Richard Witton	v*li.*
Robert Creed	v*li.*
Robert Creed	x*li.*
Richard Wytton	v*li.*
James Hall	v*li.*
Thomas Skynner	x*li.*
Robert Gallant	v*li.*
Bartholmew Lake	v*li.*
Symon Cane	x*li.*
Thomas Skynner	v[*li.*]
Richard Walker	v*li.*
Humfrey Parker	x*li.*
William Hulbert	v*li.*
James Hulbert	v*li.*
Henry Spier	x*li.*
John Burnam	v*li.*
Thomas Knight	v*li.*
William Wickyns	x*li.*
Robert Wickyns	v*li.*
John Atkyns	v*li.*
John Greene	x*li.*
Henry Spier	v*li.*
Edward Holloway	v*li.*
Edward Holloway, pro Christofero Kenton	x*li.*
John Greene	v*li.*
Francis Thackham	v*li.*

London Ward.

Robert Gallant	x*li.*
Bartholmew Lake	v*li.*
Thomas Skynner	v*li.*
Anne Fundge	x*li.*
Robert Gallant	v*li.*
Bartholmewe Lake	v*li.*
William Hill	x*li.*
Alexander Pither	v*li.*
Francis Brown	v*li.*
Alexander Pither	x*li.*
William Hill	v*li.*
Frances Brown	v*li.*
Frances Browne	x*li.*
William Hill	v*li.*
Alexander Pither	v*li.*
Humfrey Parker	x*li.*
Valentine Skeat	x*li.*
Alexander Pither	x*li.*

Olde Warde.

Phillip Shiler x*li.*
Symon Cane v*li.*
Thomas Skynner v*li.*

William Hulbert x*li.*
Humfrey Parker v*li.*
James Hulbert v*li.*

Henry Elkyns x*li.*
Frances Brown v*li.*
William Hulbert v*li.*

Henricus Bird pro se x*li.*
John James et } manu-
Abraham Hawes } cep'. v*li.*

Ricardus Holmes x*li.*
Ricardus Cranedge v*li.*
Frances Booth v*li.*

Thomas Towne x*li.*
John Porter
William Wylmer

Minster Ward.

Thomas Forster pro se x*li.*
Jerome Pococke
Edward . . . . v*li.*

Edward Andrewes x*li.*
John Pidgeon v*li.*
Henry Marten v*li.*

John Pidgeon x*li.*
Edward Andrewes v*li.*
Henry Marten v*li.*

Richard Walker x*li.*
Symon Cane v*li.*
Thomas Skynner v*li.*

Edward Symons x*li.*
Nicholas Noble v*li.*
Edward Brackston v*li.*

William Kenton x*li.*
William Jackson v*li.*
Nicholas Gibbyns v*li.*

Newe Warde.

William Lymbowe x*li.*
William Sone v*li.*
John Jones v*li.*

James Hulbert x*li.*
William Hulbert v*li.*
Humfrey Parker v*li.*

Thomas Ley x*li.*
John Arther v*li.*
John Davys v*li.*

Francis Michell x*li.*
Bennet Bayley v*li.*
Nicholas Gibbyns v*li.*

Bennett Bailey x*li.*
Frances Michell v*li.*
Nicholas Gibbyns v*li.*

[p. 240.] Pro observacione de Quadragesima virtute proclamacionis.

High Ward.

Elizabeth Bayley pro se x*li.*
Francis Thackham v*li.*
William Lymboe v*li.*

Henry Frewyn pro se x*li.*
Robert Stevens v*li.*
Henry Frewyn, jun. v*li.*

John Johnson pro se	x*li.*	Gregory Stevens	x*li.*
John Davs [*sic*]	v*li.*	Richard Reve	v*li.*
John Arther	v*li.*	Henry Atkyns	v*li.*
Nicholas Noble	x*li.*	John Mapleton	x*li.*
Edward Symons	v*li.*	John Osgood	v*li.*
John Daye	v*li.*	Richard Reve	v*li.*
John Daye	x*li.*	Robert Howell	x*li.*
Edward Symons	v*li.*	John Browne	v*li.*
Nicholas Noble	v*li.*	John Durvoll	v*li.*
Ellen Bennett	x*li.*	Richard Reve	x*li.*
John Daye	v*li.*	Henry Atkyns	v*li.*
Nicholas Noble	v*li.*	Gregory Stevens	v*li.*
Thomas Hatton	x*li.*	Nicholas Larkham	x*li.*
Richard Levyns	v*li.*	Gregory Stevens	v*li.*
Francis Thackham	v*li.*	Richard Reve	v*li.*
Henry Atkyns	x*li.*	Izaak Treherne	x*li.*
Richard Reve	v*li.*	John Mapleton	v*li.*
Gregory Stevens	v*li.*	John Browne	v*li.*

Henrye Salmon, vintner, pro se x*li.*

[p. 241.] Quarter daye, 16° Februarii, 1626, annoque regni regis Caroli ij°, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. William Iremonger *, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Secondarye Burgesses.

John Saunders, Esq.*, John Newman *, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, Willyam Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake *, Anthony Brackston *, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren *, John Jenyns *.

At this daye John Osgood made his second request to this Company to have his freedome in this towne, and it was agayne

* Marked as absent.

put of untill further prooffe be had of his right to have his freedome by th'advise of Counsell, the next quarter daye.

At this daye Steven Langley exhibited his peticion concerninge Mr. Kendricke's guift of 8000*li.* for the relief of poore Clothiers, and it was aunswered that the Companye were otherwise resolved contrarye to their peticion.

At this daye the Coblers exhibited a peticion against George Choimbly. Super filum.

Alexander Rivers exhibited his peticion for some helpe to apparell ij of his children. Super filum.

At this daye the Widowe Ferris complayned against Richard Shiler late her husband's apprentice for keepinge shoppe, his tyme not expired. Referd to a hearinge.

xx° die Februarii, 1626. Coram Christofero Turnour, generoso, *Majore.*

[Proxime Assise, *in margin.*] Christoferus Mayhewe cognovit se debere domino Regi xx*li.* manucep'. separatim sub pena x*li.* quod predictus Christoferus compareat prout, etc. quod ipse compareat ad proximas Assisas ad respondendum ad omnia.

Franciscus Plommer, taylour,
Johannes Radfeard

Certificat[um fuit].

[p. 242.] Mondaye, 25° Februarii, 1626, 2° regni regis Caroli Anglie.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter*, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. William Iremonger, *egrotatus*, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Mr. John Saunders*, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, Richard Burren, John Bagley, John Jenyns.

This meetinge was for the receavinge of the 2000*li.* geven by Mr. John Kendricke due the 29th of December last, the same daye that 2000*li.* was receaved at Mr. Kendricke's house.

* Marked as absent.

28° Februarii, 1626.

The last daye of Februarye the bond was sealled by the six men formerly apoynted for the repayment of the 2000*li.* uppon the ixth daye of Aprill next in this place.

And afterwardes, vizt. 12° Martii, it was bargayned and agreed betwene the said Mayour and Burgesses and Robert Westmerland as followeth, vizt. :—The said Robert Westmerland shall and will with all convenyent speed and uppon every resonable demaund provide, bringe in and deliver in the backside of Mr. Kendricke's house in Reading soe many thowsands of serviceable brickes sufficiently burned and made aunswerable to a patterne, and ten thousande serviceable tyles, and soe many quarters of lyme and loades of sand as the said Mayour and Burgesses shall have occasion there to use betwixt this and All Saintes next at theise rates and prices followeinge, vizt.

	s.	*d.*
The brickes per every thowsand . . .	13	6
The tyles every thowsand	13	6
The lyme every quarter at . . .	iij*s.*	iiij*d.*
The sand per load		xviij*d.*

30000 of brickes before Whitsonday next and all the rest upon demaund before All Saintes nexte.

Robert Westmourland.

[p. 243.] 2° Martii, 1626. Coram Christofero Turnour, *Majore*, et Edwardo Clerk, *Milite*.

Alice Blackman, the daughter of Nicholas Blackman of Reading, aged xj yeres or thereaboutes.

Saith that Anthonye Baker of Readinge, in the tyme of the great snowe about Christmas last, offered violence to her and would have ravished her had she not cryed out, and that he gave her ij*d.* and willed her not to tell : . . . . . Vide postea.

Joane Blackman, another of the said Blackman's daughters, aged xiiij yeres or thereaboutes.

Saith the said Anthony Baker would have ravished her in his owne house in his wive's lief tyme, he tooke . . . her . . . . . ., and this Examinate cryeing out caused his wief, being sicke in bed, to come downe, and avoided the further hurt.

Amye Atwater, aged ix yeres or thereaboutes.

Saith the said Baker did take . . . her . . . . in his owne house and did hurt her . . . . . ., uppon Saturday, in his wive's lief tyme, a good while past.

Agnes Atwater, the wief of Richard Atwater.

Saith that her grandchild Amye, about ij yeres last past, complayned to her that goodman Baker had hurt her . . . . ., and that her coate or kirtell was rent and torne from the bottome to the girdle, and that the said wenche . . . . was hurt . . . . . .

John Davys saith that he the last yere had a childe of 4 yeres of age kept with the said Baker's wief, and that his childe was hurt in suche a kynd as Mrs. Atwater's was, but by whome he knoweth not.

More the said Alice Blackman saith, that the said Baker at that tyme willed her to fetche him beere . . . . . Certificate fuerunt. Sent to gaole.

Ricardus Atwater cognovit se debere domino Regi xl*li.* ad prosequendum versus Anthonium Baker de, etc.; quod Agnes uxor pros'.

Nicholas Blackman cognovit se debere domino Regi xl*li.* quod ipse compareat ad prosequendum versus predictum Anthonium Baker pro, etc. [Ad Assisas proximas, *in margin.*]

Th' examynacion of the said Anthonye Baker the daye and yere abovesaid.

Beinge examined, saith he did not ravishe nor abuse the said Alice Blackman, neither is he there in faultyee, &c.

[Assises, *in margin.*] And beinge further examyned, saith he did not ravishe nor abuse the said Amye Atwater, but is wrongfully and spitefully charged by bad neighbours, &c. Sent to gaole. Vide postea, fol. 5°.

[p. 244.] Mondaye, the vth of Marche, 1626, die Lune, 22° Martii, 1626.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour.* Sir Edward Clerke, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. William Iremonger *, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

* Marked as absent.

Mr. John Saunders *, John Newman, William Kendricke *, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston *, Arther Curtys, John Bagley *, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

Agreed that some buyldinge shall goe forwardes about Mr. Kendricke's house fourth-with, and the gate-house and outside to be made faire accordinge to th'intent, &c., and to begyn with the forefront.

Postea: 12° Martii, 1626, et 2° regni regis Caroli.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour *, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus *, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. William Iremonger *, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Mr. John Saunders *, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell *, George Thorne, John Blake *, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren *, John Jenyns *.

At this daye William Brockman of Tilehurst, brickmaker, bargayned and promised this Company to serve and bringe in to Mr. Kendricke's backside two hundred thowsand serviceable brickes, sufficiently burned and made accordinge to the sample of one brick left in the Hall for a sample at xij*s*. vj*d*. per mille. And 20,000 large and serviceable tyles, or soe many as shalbe needfull and demaunded of him at xij*s*. vj*d*. per mille. And as muche lyme as shalbe needfull or required of him at iij*s*. iiij*d*. per quarter. And as muche sand as shalbe required of him at xviij*d*. per load. And he shall begyn to bringe in this stuffe one moneth before Whitsondaye next, 20,000 brickes by Whitsonday next, and the rest upon demaund, and all before All Saintes. William Brockman.

12° Martii, 1626. Surveyours of the work and buyldinge are apoynted to be	Mr. William Maulthus. Mr. Roger Knight. Mr. Anthony Knight.
All the rest to be assistant.	Mr. Newman. Mr. Kendricke. Mr. Winche.

At this daye licence was graunted to Edward Slarke to sell his lease or to pawne it to Thomas Warde, prout, &c.

* Marked as absent.

12° Martii, 1626. At this daye it was agreed that Willyam Wilmer, for his paynes and care to keepe the bookes fitt to be kept, of and concerninge Mr. John Kendricke's busynes of his will, shall have x*li.* per annum paid him, v*li.* in hand, and after Lady daye next 50*s.* a quarter, and it shalbe paid out of the comyn stocke of Mr. John Kendricke's guift.

Memorandum, Robert Westmerlande's bargayne is on the other leafe before.

[p. 245.] Wensdaye, 21° Martii, 1626, et ij° regni regis Caroli.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, [Mr.] Robert Maulthus *, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight *, Mr. William Iremonger *, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

Mr. John Saunders *, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche *, Robert Bent *, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake *, Anthony Brackston *, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns *.

At this daye election of the Mayde-servantes was had for to cast lottes upon Good Friday for the xx nobles.

Lottes.

16. 3°. Alice Sone for St. Lawrence parishe.
7. 1°. Anne Shotter for St. Marye parishe.
9. 1°. Jane Cox for St. Giles' parishe.
Anno primo post Southcott habuit lott'.

[p. 246.] Goodfridaye, 23° Martii, anno Domini 1626, ac ij^do regni regis Caroli.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

John Saunders, Esq., John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jeninges.

* Marked as absent.

At this daye it was agreed that the 50*li.* due at Lady daye, accordinge to Mr. John Blagrave's will, shalbe paid to these two of his kindred, vizt. Edward Coxed, eldest sonne of Henry Coxed and Anne his wief, one of the sisters of John Blagrave, 25[*li.*] and to Lawrence Coxed, his brother, [25*li.*]

3 poore Maid-servantes elected to the lott.

3°. Alice Sone in St. Lawrence parishe vj*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

1°. Anne Shotter in St. Marye's parishe.

1°. Jane Coxe in St. Giles' parishe.

At this daye it was agreed that, within one moneth next after the will shall be brought into the Hall, lettres under the Towne seale shalbe directed to all the parentes of those whose children are legatees in Mr. John Blagrave's will, to produce unto this Company the names of their children, legatees, and the severall ages of them, to th'end a perfect boke maye be made for the direccion of this Company, to whome the said legacyes ought first in tyme be paid.

Widowes:

24 in St. Giles'.
24 in St. Lawrence.
12 in St. Marye's.

William Legge's 4*li.*:

8 in St. Marye's.
8 in St. Lawrence.
8 in St. Giles'.

[p. 247.] Die Mercurii, scilicet 4° die Aprilis, 1627, et 3° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus *, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. William Iremonger *, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

Johannes Newman, Robert Bent, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arthur Curtis, John Jennyns.

At this daye the Lawdaye for this Boroughe was holden before the said Mayour and Burgesses.

* Marked as absent.

Nomina Juratorum.

John Mappleton, jurator primus.	jurati.	Thomas Pynnocke	jurati.
Christofer Blower		John Evans, junior	
Abraham Watlington		John Greene	
Humfrey Milles		Walter Fynmore	
Frauncis Michell		John Redford	
John Watlington		William Wimpey	
Richard Cane		Christofer Goad	
Salomon Barnard		Richard Hussey	
James West			

John Mapleton, Christofer Blower, Richard Cane, Solomon Barnard } Afferers.

[p. 248.] [5] Die Lune, vizt. 9° die Aprilis, [1627, et 3° regni regis Caroli Anglie.]

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Anthony Knight.

John Newman, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, Anthony Brackston, Arthur Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenninges.

Then William Ellis, Edward Richardes and John Dyar bargayned and sold unto the Mayour and Burgesses of the Boroughe of Reading 100 trees of tymber, undocked and viij inches square at the toppe, well hewed, and promise to delyver it at Readinge at the appointment of the Mayour and Burgesses with all convenient speed, at xxj*s*. the loade.

Then alsoe agreed that William Ellis, Edward Richardes and John Dyar shall have 50*li*. on Maye daye next in parte of payment, and the rest of the money as the tymber is brought in.

Mr. Richard Burren and Mr. John Jennyns undertake that the tymber shalbe brought in for the 50*li*. Edward Richardes. ¶

Alsoe agreed that Richard Breddes shall have his bill of charges paid, whiche is nowe produced.

Then alsoe agreed that the sixe men whiche have Mr. Kendricke's money shall paye in unto Mr. William Maulthus; alsoe

[5] *Die Lune — Burgesses*, on papers pinned to p. 248.

agreed that the order and th'other 5 surveyours made in Mr. R. Knighte's tyme of worke 50*li.* a peice, as touchinge Richard Drewe, shall stand as it is sett downe.

Die Mercurii, vizt. 14° Aprilis, 1627, et 3° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

At this daye it was agreed that the six men whiche have Mr. Kendricke's money shall paye upon demaund unto the surveyours of the worke and buyldinge xx*li.* a peice.

Alsoe agreed that the three Sarjeantes shall have newe gownes made against Whitsontide.

Alsoe agreed that Mr. Anthony Blagrave shall have xxx*li.* paid him, he givinge bond to make sure the fee of the garden unto the Mayour and Burgesses.

[on p. 248.] [6] Mondaye, 16° Aprilis, 1627, ac 3° regni regis Caroli, etc. Coram Christofero Turnour, *Majore*, etc.

Steven Faithorne complayneth that William Winkles the last night in the eveninge came to the house of the said Steven, challenged him into the streete, and in the streete amongest other misdemeanours threwe dirt and stones at his wief, she having her child in her armes, and used ill wordes to him and her, &c., and craved security of the peace against him, &c. Henry Awsey, witnesse. [Ad Sessionem Pacis, *in margin.*]

Thomas Burgesse, feltmaker, servant to Widowe Mason, complayneth that the said William Winkles did challenge him to fighte with him and said he would have xx to take his parte, &c. Henry Awsey, witnesse. Comitted to Counter for lacke of sureties.

William Winkles cognovit se debere domino Regi x*li.* Johannes Redferne et Johannes Kinge manucep'. separatim in v*li.* } quod compareat ad proximam Sessionem Pacis ad respondendum ad omnia, etc., et quod interim teneat pacem versus Stephanum Faithorn et Annam, uxorem ejus, etc.

Idem cognovit ut supra, etc., quod teneat pacem versus Thomam Burgesse, etc. W. I. R. John King.

[6] From *Mondaye* to *peace, etc.*, on p. 248, is crossed through in the MS.

19 Aprilis, 1627. Coram Christofero Turnour, *Majore.*

William Wimpey complayneth that John Browne hath beaten him and misused him and his wief in wordes and deedes, and hath taken oath that he liveth in feare he will doe him further harme, and craveth the peace, etc.

[p. 249.] 18° Aprilis, 1627, annoque regni regis Caroli, etc.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus *, Mr. Roger Knight *, Mr. William Iremonger *, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

John Turnour, a taylor stranger, havinge noe pasport and being taken in bed with Lesson's daughter, was required to fynd sureties for his good behaviour; the whiche he denyed; was sent to the house of correccion.

At this daye the Overseers of the poore of eache parishe made their accomptes of all the moneys they taxed and levyed of the inhabitantes for the relief of the poore in the year 1626, as in that booke appeareth.

19° Aprilis, 1627.

Abraham Garnett de Reading cognovit se debere domino Regi xl*li.* Johannes Clynton de, etc., et [*blank*]	quod compareat ad proximas Assisas ad respondendum ad omnia que tunc object'., etc., pro et concern. pag. Zacharii Smyth et [*blank*] Collyns, etc.

21° Aprilis, 1627.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour *, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. William Iremonger *, Mr. Walter Bateman *, Mr. Anthony Knight.

John Saunders, Esquier *, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche *, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

Sir Frauncis Knollys, Knight, Sir Thomas Vachell, Knight.

* Marked as absent.

At this daye the peticion and articles exhibited by Steven Langley to the Earle of Banbury, concerninge Mr. Kendricke's guift of 12,500*li.* to Readinge and Newberye, and the Earle's lettre to this Companye, were openly read.

Agreed that a certificate shalbe sent to my Lord by one of this Company that shall conferre with Mr. Saunders and attend to aunswere (if need be).

Mr. Mayour is elected to goe to Mr. Saunders, and to have all charges.

[p. 250.] ij° Maii, 1627. Coram Christofero Turnour, *Mayour.*

Amye Hasell, aged x yeres or thereaboutes, livinge in Readinge with one Cowper, a poore man, seeinge her old freind goodwife Hobbes, said that Goodwief Hobbes did kill a little childe, that could skarse goe, and buryed it in a ditche at a towne's end: it was a traveller's childe whiche she kept; she did knocke it on the head with a staffe.

The confession of Suzan Hobbes.

Saith she liveth by travelling the Countrye and selling small wares, and hath used it many yeares, and saith the cause of her beinge in this towne was for that she was goeinge into Hamshiere from Middlesex to sell small wares, and being acquaynted with a woman in the gaole, she went in there to see her, and soe was apprehended as a vagraunt. She hath ij daughters in the house of correccion. Her sonne Mathewe was hanged about the Duches of Lenox' plate; and she beinge in the house of correccion at Reading uppon Maye day last, she being accused with killing a childe, ran awaye out of the house, and being pursued by the Constable they tooke her in Readinge and had her to the house of correccion agayne, and in havinge her hither she rayled against the officers and voluntarily said that was noe place for her: for she said she had killed a childe whiche she kept, knock[ed] it on the head and buryed it at Colebrooke towne's end about ij yeares past.

Thomas Harrison, constable } witnesses to her confession.
Henry Marten, the officer }

Comitted to the gaole. [Assises, *in margin.*]

[p. 251.] 2° die Maii, 1627.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter *, Mr. Robert Maulthus *, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. William Iremonger *, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

9° die Maii, 1627.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. William Iremonger *, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

George Thorne . . } Cofferers.
John Blake . . . }

9° die Maii, 1627.

At this daye the Cunstables made their accomptes of all the moneys by them paid and laid out concerninge the billatinge and conductinge the Souldyers into and from this Towne, and of all the moneys they receaved by two severall taxes, and all the money they receaved by direccion of the Deputye Lewtenauntes from the Collectours of the loane moneys towardes the mayntenance of those Souldyers.

They charged themselves with theise receptes.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Receaved of the first taxe	06	10	9
Receaved of the second taxe . . .	27	03	6
Receaved of Mr. Kendricke's colleccion . .	50	00	0
Receaved of Mr. Crey per assign' . . .	36	07	2
Receaved in toto . . .	120	01	5
Whereof they paid in and about the Souldyers, as by their bills appereth . .	100	00	8
Soe resteth to be restored to th'inhabitantes that paid the loane moneys first and the residewe	20	00	9

And the Constables are apoynted to repaye those moneys fourth-with.

At this daye th'accomptes of the House of Correccion were made for the yeare past at last Sessions, and upon th'accomptes he paid Mr. Thorne, the Cofferer, vj*li.* xiiij*s.*, as appereth.

* Marked as absent.

At this daye the 40*s.* geven to the poore of this towne in and by the last will of Mistris Elizabeth Swaddon, late of the citty of Worcester, deceassed, was receaved and disposed of to the Overseers for the poore of the 3 parishes, as the will directeth. Devided.

[p. 252.] Quarter daye, Fridaye, 18° Maii, 1627, ac 3° regni regis Caroli, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour.* Sir Edward Clerke, Knight, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Richard Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, absent, Mr. William Iremonger, absent, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Secondarye Burgesses.

John Saunders, Esq., absent, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, absent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, absent, Arther Curtys, absent, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye a lettre from the Earle of Banburye, in the behaulf of John Osgood the younger, was openly read to this Companye presente, concerninge his fredome in this Towne.

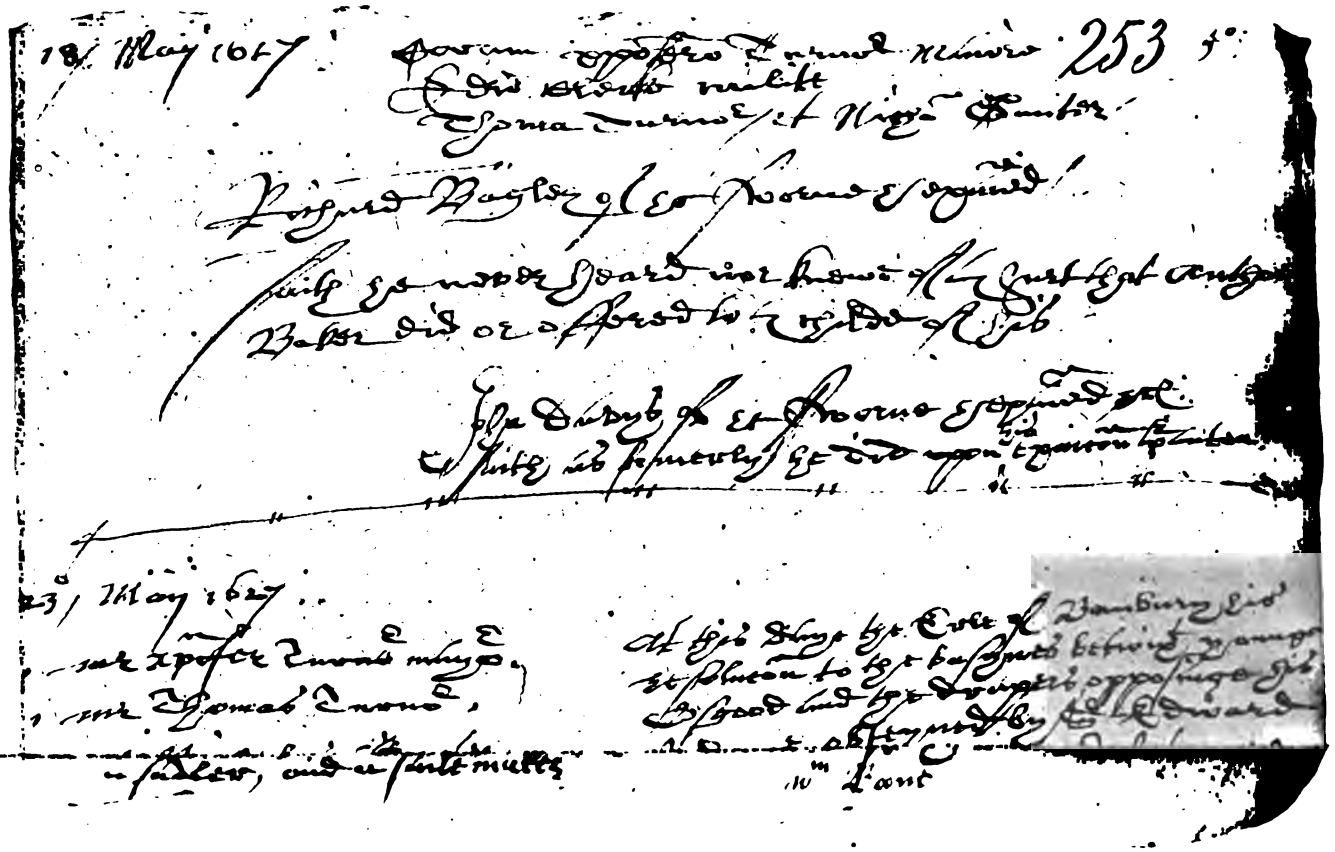
Resolved 2 of this Company shall informe his Lordshipp accordinge to direccions in writinge, vizt. [7]Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Sir Edward Clerke.

At this daye the Collermakers of the Towne, beinge freemen exhibited a peticion against Richard Drewe, a forreynour, usinge their trade within this Corporacion, &c. Uppon whiche peticion, it being examined, it was resolved that the aunswer shalbe suspended untill the cause concerning John Osgood shalbe ended, whiche is intended to be before th'end of the next terme, it being of like nature.

18° Maii, 1627.

Coram Christofero Turnour, generoso, *Majore*, Edwardo Clerke, Milite, Thoma Turnour [et] Nicholao Gunter, Capitalibus Burgensibus.

[7] Mr. Nich. *and* Mr. Robert *are crossed through in the MS.*



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Uppon the hearinge of the differences betwene Humfrey Goodale, th'apprentice of Elizabeth Ferrys of Readinge, widowe, per Indenturam, and the said apprentice and Symon Goodale, the father, and freindes, of Elvetham in com. Southampton, for greveances and supposed wronges done to the apprentice, vizt. the beating of the apprentice by her servantes in divers kyndes, and for beinge kept lowzey, &c.

Agreed for that and other causes that the woman shall redeliver th' Indenture and all his apparell, and pay ij*s.* v*d.* in money, provided the boy shall stand free and discharged of his service and apprentishippe, and within 3 monethes the father to provide a master in this towne, or ells to loose the benefitt of the former service here. And soe an end.

[p. 253.] 18 Maii, 1627. Coram Christofero Turnour, *Majore*, Edwardo Clerke, Milite, Thoma Turnour et Nicholao Gunter.

Richard Bagley of, &c., sworne and examined.

Saith he never heard nor knewe of any hurt that Anthony Baker did or offered to any childe of his.

John Davys of, &c. sworne and examined.

Saith as formerly he did upon his examinacion, preantea.

23° Maii, 1627.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus *, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight*.

William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, Anthony Brackston, Richard Burren, John Bagley.

At this daye the Erle of Banbury his resolucion to the busynes betwixt younge Osgood and the Drapers opposinge his fredome, obteyned by Sir Edward Clerke, was openly read, but noe conclusion of this tyme for lacke of the Company.

26° Maii, 1627.

Six Souldyers were sett fourth for the Towne, and at the charges of the Towne, vizt.

Edward Cowper, John Lidyard, William Dolman,
John Assone, Thomas Clifford, Robert Cowper.

* Marked as absent.

And the other 15 taken and prest in the Towne did serve for the Cuntrye at the same tyme.

There was paid in money vj*li.* 10*s.* a man to Mr. Craye.

Their apparell, dyett and expences did cost as apeareth by particulers . . . } vj*li.* vj*s.* iij*d.*

The bill is uppon the file.

And the apparell, prestinge and setting fourth of the other sixe Souldyers first prest awaye in 22° Marche, 1626, last cost in all . . } vj*li.* v*s.*

vizt. William Littlepage, William Pearse, Thomas Creed, William Collett, Luke Payne, William Boone.

Memorandum, Thomas Eddy, havinge a pasport to travell to London to pursue a Turke, whiche did wronge him as he saith about cutting out his tongue, whiche is false, subscribed with the names of divers Aldermen and others of Bristolle, prout, etc. Saith, one Thomas Willyams, dwellinge in St. Thomas street, did make the pasport. Thomas Williams, sometymes a sadler, and a saile maker.

[on p. 253.] Tunc 6° Junii, 1627. Then John Greene was intreated to take his apprentice agayne into his service, and John Gairy promised to pay v*s.* at Michaellmas next and gave his word the boy shalbe true and just.

[p. 254.] Wensdaye, 13° Junii, 1627.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. William Iremonger.

At this daye it was agreed that preparacion shalbe made for interteynment of the Judges at the next Assises, vizt.

The Judges to be lodged at Mr. Thomas Turnour's, as formerly, (he beinge not dampnifyed thereby.)

The Clarkes of the Assises to lodge at Mr. Bateman's and at Mr. Blake's, as heretofore.

iiij^or^ barrells of beere, vizt. of eache brewer j barrell.

j gallon and dimid' of sacke.

j gallon and dimid' of claret.

j mutton.

j veale, et ij^obus^ Scenescallis, x*s.* a piece.

Thursdaye, 21° Junii, 1627, et 3° regni regis Caroli.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus*, Mr. Roger Knight*, Mr. William Iremonger*, Mr. Walter Bateman*, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Mr. John Saunders*, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent*, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake*, Anthony Brackston*, Arthur Curtys, John Bagley*, Richard Burren, John Jenyns*.

The Right Honourable Earle of Banburye, Sir Frauncis Knolles, senior, Sir Thomas Vachell, Sir Richard Harrison, Sir Frauncis Knolles, junior, John Saunders, Esqr.

At this daye Mr. Kendricke's will was read soe farre as concerneth this Towne, and many poyntes examined concerninge the employeinge of the moneys receaved whiche appeared to be soe well, and soe forwarde as maye be, &c. The printed will my Lord had.

Steven Langley was then in question about his complaintes to the Kinge and Lordes of the Counsell against the Corporacion for misimployment of the moneys, &c.

His aunswere thereunto is apoynted to be heard on Monday come senight, at whiche tyme my Lord said he would be here agayne, &c.

The Assises were holden at Reading 27° June, 1627, 3° Caroli.

[p. 255.] 30 Junii, 1627. Coram Christofero Turnour, *Majore*.

Grace Allen, alias Randall, spinster, 15 yeres, one of the daughters of Suzan Hobbes, alias Allen, saith she did helpe her mother Suzan Hobbes to kill the childe [with a] whackinge staff or a sticke, whereof she is accused, at Ebeworth; first buryed in a gravell pitt within a myle of Windsor, and afterwardes the next daye taken upp and buryed in the churchyard, a poore simple fellowe, a traveller, did bury it, about ij yeres past, the childe's name was Elizabeth, aged 3 yeres or thereaboutes; the father and mother dyed both at Newgate.

This Examinate saith, her mother was requested by her father and mother to keepe the childe; but she had nothinge for it.

* Marked as absent.

She saith it is true, she will not deny it, and if she dye for it, the will of God be done. [Ad proximas Assisas in Quadraginta, *in margin.*]

Joyce Hobbes, another of the daughters of the said Suzan Hobbes, aged 13 yeres, saith, that after her mother had kept the childe haulf a yere or thereaboutes, it was suche a trouble to them to carrye it about with them, being a stronge childe, and being soe untoward in byting and scratchinge this Examinate and her sister, that her mother and sister knockt it betwixt them on the head, and buryed it in a pitt goeinge downe to the Pound, at the first, and the next daye they tooke it uppe agayne and carryed it into the churchyard and buryed it there, one Willyam, a poore wanderinge fellowe, did helpe burye it. Sent both to the gaole untill the next Assises at Lent next.

Both of them saye that Amye Hasell, alias Mullocke, the former Examinate, was present in company and at the killing of the childe, as before she hath spoken.

The Mayour and Constables are to prosecute.

[p. 256.] Mondaye, 2° die Julii, 1627.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus *, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman Mr. Anthony Knight.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, William Brackston, Robert Bent, *egrotatus,* John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren *, John Jenyns.

At this daye it was agreed by all that Lawrence Coxed, one of the sonnes of Anne Coxed, eldest sister to Mr. . . . . shall have the 25*li.* in Wilmer's handes receyved at Lady daye last, as his brother had the other 25*li.* upon his acquitaunce.

Agreed alsoe that accordinge to the Judge's order uppon Edward Forster's peticion for relief, he shall have xij*d.* a weeke untill the Judge shalbe informed further, and that he shall have it in this manner.

* Marked as absent.

At this daye it was informed that divers in this towne doe sett upp comon brewhouses. And divers alehouskeepers doe brewe their drinke in their owne houses contrary to lawe.

It was thought fitt, the Earle of Banburye beinge presente, that suche Alehouskeepers as brewe their drinke in their houses shall have noe licenses, and that suche Inkeepers as brewe their beere themselves shalbe informed against, in forme of lawe.

Wensdaye, iiij° Julii, 1627.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Anthony Knight.

At this daye the Alehouskeepers were considered on, and apoynted in every warde.

4° July, 1627. Coram Christofero Turnour, *Majore*, Thoma Vachell, Milite, Edwardo Clerke, Milite, Johanne Saunders, Armigero.

[Assises, *in margin*.] Johannes Cowper cognovit se debere domino Regi x*li*. quod teneat Amy Hastel et quod compareat ad proximas Assisas ad ostendendum in evidenciam versus Suzan Hobbes, etc.

[p. 257.] Thursdaye, 12° Julii, 1627, 3° regni regis Caroli, etc.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. William Iremonger*, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

John Saunders, Esq., John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent*, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake*, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley*, Richard Burren*, John Jenyns.

The Right Honourable Erle of Banburye, Sir Thomas Vachell, Sir Frauncis Knollys, junior, were presente.

Question was had concerninge the proceedinge with the trade of clothing in Mr. Kendricke's house. Nothinge concluded. Put of agayne untill Wensday next.

* Marked as absent.

Postea eodem die. Question, howe the stocke in hand and that whiche is to come shalbe employed in the house according to the will, by 1, 2, 3, 4, 10 or 12: agreed by all, it shalbe employed by xij if they can be found, &c.

14° Julii, 1627. Coram Christofero Turnour, *Majore.*

Annanias Hobbes complayneth and saith that he is in feare that John Chicke will doe him some bodily harme, and therefore prayeth that he maye live in peace, and have security according to lawe. Super sacramentum suum quod, etc. Et cognovit se debere domino Regi x*li.* quod ad proximam Sessionem Pacis ostendat in evidenciam versus Johannem Chicke. A.

[Ad proximam Sessionem Pacis post festum Sancti Michaelis, *and* Certificat', *in the margin.*]

16 Julii, 1627.

Johannes Chicke cognovit se debere domino Regi xx*li.*		quod compareat[8] ad proximam Sessionem Pacis, ad, etc., et quod interim tenet pacem, etc., precipue erga Annanias Hobbes de, etc. John Cheeke.
Johannes Barrett de Readinge, cordwayner, et Johannes Mafforlyn de Reading predicta, taylour,	manuceper'. separatim sub pena x*li.*	

[Ad Sessionem Pacis proxime post festum Sancti Michaelis, *and* Certificat', *in the margin.*]

[p. 258.] Thursdaye, 19 Julii, 1627.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour.* Sir Edward Clerke, Knight. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman *, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Mr. John Saunders, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent *, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys *, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns *.

Nihil factum ad hunc diem.

[8] *Comparendum*, MS.

* Marked as absent.

Fridaye, 20 Julii, 1627[9].

At this daye it was agreed that Mr. Blagrave shall have acquitance for the payment of 500*li.* of legacies accordinge to Mr. John Blagrave's will, he bringinge in all the acquitances thereof.

Agreed alsoe that Danyell Blagrave and Alexander Blagrave shall geve bond of 200*li.* to discharge this Company of the 100*li.* in question against the legatees, &c., a release thereof from th'executour, and the 16*li.* expended in sutes shalbe paid by Bartholmew daye next.

And that 25*li.*, parcell of the 50*li.* in hand, shalbe paid to Mr. John Blagrave for his kinsman Charles Hardman that marryed Amy, Mistris Edmundes daughter.

And that a booke shalbe provided to keepe the accomptes of Mr. John Blagrave's busynes of his will by itself, and all that is past to be recalled and registred, &c.

At this daye alsoe it was agreed that those iiij^or^ Clothiers whiche have parte of Mr. Kendricke's money shall before Michaellmas nexte buy and bringe into Mr. Kendricke's house, 4 or 5 hundred toddes of wooll there to be imployed, prout, etc.

A brickwall and the bridge shalbe made this yeare, next to Mr. Iremonger's; and in the next yeare a brickwall next Mr. Mayour's shalbe made, &c.

20 Julii, 1627. Coram Christofero Turnour, generoso, *Majore.*

Ann Palmer, vidua, saith John Dix, alias Thicke, hath beaten her and done her wrong, and threatned by him and his wief to cratch out her hies [*sic*].

Postea. John Thicke confessed he did her wronge, craved pardon of her, and for satisfaccion he will pay her xij*d.*, vizt. vj*d.* to-morowe, and vj*d.* to-morowe senight, and never hereafter to abuse her: soe an ende.

[p. 259.] Saturdaye, 21° Julii, 1627. Coram Cristofero Turnour, *Majore.*

Complaint was made by Constable White and certen prest marryners, beinge then travelling towardes the Kinge's shipps and lodgeinge in Reading, that John Moore did manifestly abuse them

[9] These marked as absent on 20 July, Messrs. Kendricke, Winche and Bent.

in quarrelling, blowes, threates and swearinge unseemly wordes, &c. (and prayed ayde for their quiett passage, &c.) and makinge a tumult in the markett daye, and before the Mayour threatened to followe the souldyers, &c., and muche to doe to keepe the soldyers and himself aparte.

Sondaye, 22° July, 1627. Coram eodem *Majore* et Johanne Saunders, armigero, etc.

[Ad Sessionem Pacis proximam, *in margin.*] Johannes Moore cognovit se debere domino Regi xl*li.* Francis Thackham manucep'. sub pena 20*li.* pro una dragma solut' per festum Assumpscionis saver harmlesse, etc. Negabat instanter. Certificat'.	quod compareat ad proximam Sessionem Pacis ad respondendum ad omnia que, etc., et quod interim se bene gerat, etc.

Mondaye, 23° Julii, 1627. Coram Christofero Turnour, *Majore*, Roberto Maulthus, Rogero Knight et Willelmo Iremonger.

Agnes Nowell complayneth that Anne Plomridge hath beaten her and doth threaten to doe her further harme, &c., et prestitit sacramentum suum.

The said Anne Plomridge confesseth that she did beat her, and is very sorry for it.

Defer'd untill another tyme if she doe not abuse her.

Tuesdaye, 24° Julii, 1627. Coram Christofero Turnour, *Majore.*

Thomas Franklyn complayneth that his wief yesterdaye was beaten, wounded, and ill intreated by Agnes Beale, Agnes Staunton, Elizabeth Higgyns, and Elizabeth Staunton, Elizabeth Huggins, Goodwife Payne, Goodwief Burnam, and saye that Franklyn's wief is very ill, and swollen about the face, but not in danger of her lief, and keepeth her bed.

Thomas Higgyns manucepit quod uxor, filia Elizabethe Staunton et Elizabeth Staunton et Elizabeth Higgyns comparuit [*sic*].

[p. 260.] 26° Julii, 1627. Coram Christofero Turnour, *Majore.*

Alice Poynter, wydowe, informeth that Robert Ungle his wief hath oftentymes said that her husband had killed a man in Kent, and therefore came there hence.

Cognovit se debere domino Regi xl*li.* ad prosequendum.

[Assises, *in margin.*] The examinacion of Robert Ungley.

Saith he was borne at Gowthurst[1] in Kent, and there lived apprentice and journeyman wever untill he was 30 yeres of age or thereaboutes, and then came to this Towne to worke, and hath lived in this towne xx yeres and upwardes: and beinge demanded the cause of his cominge into this towne from Gowthurst saith that at that tyme there was one John Bowrman of Crambrooke in Kent, whiche was at that tyme killed by meanes of a quarrell then betwixt the said Bowerman, this Examinate and another fellowe named Thomas Apps, a bucher by trade, they two being sutours, and in love with the said Bowerman's sister. And the said Bowerman's death caused this Examinate to flye to this Towne, but whether this Examinate killed him, yea or noe he knoweth not. This Examinate had a dagger in his hand at that tyme, and whether he hurt him or noe this Examinate knoweth not, he hath since byn in the cuntry, and nothing said to him. [At the first he said thus, *in margin*] and beinge examined concerninge the killinge of a man in Kent, saith there is noe suche matter, he did not kill any man, neither did he procure or cause any man to be killed.

Comitted to gaole.

[p. 261.] Wensdaye, j° die Augusti, 1627, et 3° regni regis Caroli.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. William Iremonger*, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight*.

Mr. John Saunders, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Bagley.

At this daye it was agayne agreed that Thomas Lowgrove shall have his lease of North Strete for 3 lyves, vizt. himself, Jane his wief

[1] *i.e.* Goudhurst.

* Marked as absent.

and Thomas his sone, at the rent of 46*li.* and the Company to pay the 20*s.* quitrent; and suche exceptions, condicions and covenantes as are in the old lease.

At this daye Raphe Boulde's peticion was aunswered underneath his peticion, prout.

George Millisent, apothecarie Walter Densell, clothier	sutours for the 25*li.* of Sir Thomas White's.
Thomas Smeeth Willyam Mathewe Thomas Froome John Parre	clothiers.
Richard Markham, mercer Edward Andrewes, clothier Thomas Iremonger, clothier Nathaniell Blacknall, clothier Henry Spier, clothier	Mathewe Turnour, sadler and bottlemaker Abraham Watlington, salter John Enle, clothier Thomas Aley, clothier James West.

At this daye v*li.* was allowed and agreed to be paid to Mr. Roger Knight towardes his charges expended in defence of the sute brought against him by Frances Headache for false imprisonment.

[p. 262.] Wensdaye, viij° Augusti, 1627, et iij° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman *, Mr. Anthony Knight*.

Ralfe Coxed shalbe sworne one of the Sergeantes at Mace in this Boroughe, soe as he find sufficient sureties to be bound to save the Mayour and Burgesses harmlesse, prout, etc.

Memorandum, to make lettre of attorney to Mr. Robert Maulthus and Edward Wilmer, to receave the 104*li.* due at Bartholmewe daye next of Sir Thomas White's.

Memorandum, all the bad and unserviceable brickes and tyles shalbe sett a-parte and disalowed from the worke, and carryed backe agayne respectively.

* Marked as absent.

11° die Augusti, 1627. Coram Christofero Turnour, *Majore*, etc.

Judith Parre, spinster, complayneth that she is with childe, begotten by Thomas Bendye .... about Easter last, and had carnall knowledge of her bodye .... synce.

[Ad Sessionem Pacis proxime post festum Natalis Domini etc., *in margin.*]

Thomas Bendye cognovit se debere domino Regi x*li.*
Thomas Clarke de eadem, laborer, et
Joseph Jones de eadem, wever,
} manucep'. separatim in v*li.*
} quod compareat ad proximam Sessionem Pacis post festum Natalis Domini proximam.

Thomas O Bendye. T
Joseph Johnes.

15° Augusti, 1627.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour*, and Sir Edward Clerk, Knight, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Agreed that a suger lofe shalbe geven to Mistris Halstede accordinge to promise.

Agreed alsoe that a taxe shalbe made to raise the money to sett fourth the vj souldyers according to the warrant, &c.

At this daye Ralfe Coxed was nomynated and sworne one of the Sergeantes of the Mace in this Boroughe and gave bond with sureties for the savinge harmlesse of all escapes and indempnites, etc. prout.

[p. 263.] Wensdaye, 22° Augusti, 1627.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour *, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus *, Mr. William Maulthus *, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman *, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

By warrant for 5 Souldyers.

Agreed that a taxe of 15*li.* shalbe fourthwith made to pay the Souldyers for their coates, conduct money and other service for the

* Marked as absent.

King within the Boroughe; and the taxe to be raised of j*d.* men and upwardes.

Tooke prest money and ran awaye

[2] Robert Shape Robert Howe Cutberd Bresse	had and delivered at Newberye j° Septembris, 1627.

Wensdaye, 29° Augusti, 1627.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour.* Sir Edward Clerke, Knight, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter*, Mr. Robert Maulthus*, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman*, Mr. Anthony Knight.

The variences betwene William Clayton and Thomas Smyth, concerning vj*d.* a weeke for keepinge Smythes boye in the Ospitall, was referd to this Company present, whoe presently ordered she, vizt. Clayton's wief, shall be paid x*s.* in full part, vizt. vj*s.* vj*d.* a quarter, untill it be paid, beginning at Michaellmas next, and keepe the boy untill he may be placed, and if it be not paid this Company shall further advise for payment without sute, &c.

At this daye alsoe the Widowe Holton prayed that (she being executor to her husband) maye have the benefitt of the service of Roger Jakes, her husbande's apprentice by Indenture for the residue of the yeares to come, whiche he denyeth to performe, it was ordered that th'apprentice shall dwell and serve his dame duringe the residue of his terme, she providing for him aswell worke as other thinges fitt for him.

[p. 264.] [3]29° Augusti, 1627. Coram Christofero Turnour, *Majore.*

Willyam Edes, a prisoner in the gaole at Readinge, saith that he was marryed to Elizabeth Nethercliffe, alias Steele, late the wief of Richard Nethercliffe, in St. George's Churche in Southwarke the Wensday senight after Easter last, and that the said Elizabeth is nowe marryed to Robert Flower, late of the parishe of Kevell in the county of Wiltes, and liveth with him, the said Willyam Edes yet livinge, the said Elizabeth beinge with childe by this complainant, William Edes, begotten as he thinketh in Kent streete, when he was marryed to her.

[2] Henry Dawson, bucher, cognovit, *crossed through here.* * Marked as absent.

[3] The whole of p. 264 is crossed through in the MS.

Cognovit debere domino Regi xl*li.* ad prosequendum versus ipsam Elizabetham ad proximas Assisas secundum statutum, etc., ad dandum evidenciam.

Signum dicti Willelmi Edes V. E.

All this was proved false by a certificate and searche of the Minister of St. George's. The Minister's name was Mr. Smyth that marryed them.

Th'examynacion of Elizabeth Edes, alias Nethercliffe.

The said Elizabeth saith that she is nowe the wief of one Robert Flower of Buckington, in the parishe of Kevill in Wiltes, and was maryed at Kevill in Wiltes on Tuesdaye was senight the xxjth of this August. She saith she was not marryed to the said William Edes, yet she findes she is with childe by him, begotten at Maidston, in Kent, synce she was in Winchester gaole at Lent assises last past, at or about Easter last. And further she saith that she knoweth not the said Nethercliffe ; she was not marryed to him.

30° Augusti, 1627. Coram Christofero Turnour, *Majore.*

Dorcas Merne, the wife of Henry Merne, complayneth that John Nashe the younger hath done her great harme ; he hath kick't her and ill intreated her in divers kindes, as shalbe manifested by weomen, &c. on Saturdaye was senight, vizt. 18° Augusti, 1627, and she feareth he will doe her further hurt and harme to her body, she beinge great with childe, and he threatning her to be revenged of her. Jurata.

Johannes Nashe, junior, cognovit se debere domino Regi xx*li.*

Richardus Smyth, generosus, et Richardus Markham } manucep'. separatim in x*li.*

[Non cognovit, *in margin.*]

quod ipse Johannes compareat ad proximam Sessionem Pacis ad respondendum, etc., et quod interim tenet pacem domini Regis, etc., et precipue versus Dorcas Merne, uxorem Henrici Merne.

[p. 265.] Eleccion daye, Saturdaye, j° Septembris, 1627, et 3° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour.* Sir Edward Clerke, Knight, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus,

Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Secondarye Burgesses.

John Saunders, Esquier, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye the said Mayour and Capitall Burgesses, by direccions of their Charter, did nomynate and apoynt 3 of the said Capitall Burgesses to sitt in eleccion to th'intent that one of those 3 shalbe elected to be Mayour the next yeare as by their Chartre is required.

1. Mr. William Iremonger IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII [21], Mayour elect.
2. Mr. Nicholas Gunter.
3. Mr. Walter Bateman.

At this daye Mr. Robert Maulthus and Edward Wilmer made it knowne to the Company present that they had and receaved at Marchauntaylours' Hall in London, uppon Bartholmewe daye last past, of the Mayour and Aldermen of Bristowe their deputye, accordinge to Sir Thomas White's will, the some of 104*li.* then due to this Corporacion.

Memorandum alsoe that this 104*li.* is the third hundred poundes that this Company have receaved into their charge of Sir Thomas White's guift to charitable uses in this Corporacion, &c.

1651. Memorandum, at Bartholmewtide, 1651, to expect the 4th 104*li.* of Sir Thomas White's guift.

[p. 266.] Fridaye, 7° Septembris, 1627.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour.* Mr. William Iremonger, Mayour elect, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Walter Bateman*, Mr. Anthony Knight*.

John Saunders, Esquier*, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston*, Arthur Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns*.

[⅓*li.* 5*s.* Fr[aternitas] solvit Cofferario, *in margin.*]

* Marked as absent.

Mr. Kendricke is contented to assure v*li.* a yeare for ever with good band to this Company at 24 yeares' purchase, having his money by Christmas next, provided alwayes it shalbe at the choise of this Company to leave the bargayne if they can finde a better bargayne in the meane tyme, &c.

At this daye the 100*li.* of Sir Thomas White's money last receaved was disposed and agreed to be lent to iiij^{or} younge men, clothiers, in the Towne, vizt.

25*li.* to Thomas Smeeth, clothier.

25*li.* to William Mathewe, clothier.

25*li.* to Edward Andrewes, clothier.

25*li.* to Nathaniell Blacknoll, clothier.

The paper of eleccion is uppon the file of this yeare.

Agreed that if all thinges be finished by Mr. Blagrave on Mondaye next, then Richard Blagrove shall have his 50*li.* legacye, the Hall beinge paid the 16*li.* 4*s.* formerly expended in sutes of lawe about that busynes.

William Mathewe 25*li.*	Mr. William Maulthus of Readinge	sureties.
	Mr. Thomas Mathewe of London	
	Frauncis Foord of Harwell	
Thomas Smeeth 25*li.*	John Smeeth of Finchampstede	suretyes.
	Nicholas Larkham of Reading	
	Henry Walker of Readinge	
Edward Andrewes 25*li.*	William Mathewe of Compton	sureties.
	Grigorye Mathewe of Hamsted	
	John Mathewe, junior, of Hampsted	
Nathaniell Blacknall 25*li.*	Mr. Kendricke . . .	sureties.
	Mr. Nicholas Booden . .	
	John Evans, junior . .	

[p. 267.] Mondaye, 10° Septembris, 1627.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour.* Mr. William Iremonger, Mayour elect, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Walter Bateman*, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

* Marked as absent.

John Saunders, esq., John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston *, Arthur Curtys *, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye the paper booke of the bond and acquitances agreed to be sealed betwene this Company and the Mr. Blagraves were openly read and agreed to be sealed to-morrowe.

Memorandum, Richard Blagrave was then paid his legacye of 50*li.* due by his unkle's will, whiche 50*li.* was the 50*li.* that laye in the charge of this Company 5 or 6 yeares past, &c.

Memorandum alsoe the xvj*li.* formerly expended in the sute in Chaunceryе betwene Mr. Blagrave and this Company was paid out of this 50*li.*

Memorandum, to make lettre of attorney and acquitance readye to send for Doctour Sandors' guift of 4*li.* a yere due two yeres at Michaellmas next.

At this daye Mr. Kendricke's busynes was put of till Mondaye next, at whiche tyme he is to name ij men to be praisers and the Towne shall name other two.

[p. 268.] Mondaye, 17° Septembris, 1627, ac 3° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour.* Sir Edward Clerke, *Miles,* Mr. William Iremonger, Mayour elect, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Walter Bateman *, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

John Saunders, Esq., John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche *, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne *, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtyce *, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye Mr. Roger Knight brought in the quietus of the fee farme for the yeare he was Mayour, vizt. ij°. regni regis Caroli etc., and alsoe the quietus of the fee farme for the yere Mr. William Maulthus was Mayour, deliver'd him for his direccions.

At this daye Mr. Kendricke brought in a particuler of all suche goodes as this Company shall buy of him belonging to the trade of Clothinge. And for the appraysement he did then name Mr. James Winche and Mr. Thomas Burges.

* Marked as absent.

And the Mayour and Burgesses did then name, for their parte, John Symes and William Densill. And Mr. Thomas Turnour, shalbe umpire if need shalbe, &c.

At this daye it was alsoe agreed that Mr. Mayour, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter and Mr. Robert Maulthus shall within 10 dayes next, vizt. to-morrowe senight take accomptes of the moneys received.

At this daye the Earle of Banbery his lettre dated 9 Septembris' 1627, was openly read to the Company, concerninge Mr. Kendricke's busynes, &c.

Agreed the Companye shall meete to-morrowe, by vij a clocke in the morninge, to agree uppon this busynes, every man uppon payne of [*blank*] except Mr. Dewell.

Memorandum, seeinge that Fridaye next by direccions of the chartre is the meetinge daye, whiche is faire daye holden in Readinge, for whiche cause and for some other speciall consideracions, it is this daye agreed that the Quarter daye shalbe uppon Mondaye next, beinge the 24 of this September.

[p. 269.] Tuesdaye, 18° Septembris, 1627.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour*. Mr. William Iremonger, Mayour elect, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Walter Bateman *, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

John Saunders, Esq., John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell *, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys *, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye it was agreed that Mr. Kendricke shall have the employment of the 1000*li.*, parcell of the last 2000*li.*, &c., and hold the house untill Midsomer next, he gevinge securitye to performe suche covenauntes as this Company shall provide and make for the employment thereof, accordinge to the will, agreed by notes; a moneth[4] for payment of the 1000*li.*, his bond, with 2 other sufficient.

* Marked as absent.

[4] A moneth and a moneth, MS.

Coram Christofero Turnour, generoso, *Majore.*

Nicholas Middleton pro se x*li.*
Nathaniell Jemott } manucep'. separatim v*li.* } ad observandum condicionem.
William Goodale

Nicholas Midleton, Nathaniell Jemmet, William ✠ Goodale.

Valentyne Skeate pro se x*li.*
Thomas Skynner
Valentine Skeate, junior } v*li.*

Thomas Sk[ynn]er
Vallentine Skeate ✠

Willelmus Cowper, pro se x*li.*
Ricardus Emmerton
Thomas Sawser } pro[5] se v*li.*

✠ ✠ E

William Wickyns cognovit pro se x*li.*
Thomas Skynner et [*blank*] } separatim v*li.*

Nicholaus Coplyn, pro se
Ricardus Bennett et Johannes Burford } manucep'. separatim v*li.*

Johannes Browne pro se x*li.*
ThomasRichardes Ricardus East } manucep'. v*li.*

Thomas Richardes pro se x*li.*
Johannes Browne Ricardus East } manucep'. v*li.*

Ricardus East, pro se x*li.*
Thomas Richardes Johannes Browne } v*li.*

Johannes Noble, pro se x*li.*
Andreas Mace Ricardus East } manucep'. v*li.*

Thomas Spenser, pro se x*li.*
Johannes Noble et Thomas Smyth } separatim sub [pena] v*li.*

Johannes Goodbarnes, pro se x*li.*
Johannes Pattison et Johannes Hammon } separatim sub pena v*li.*

Elizabeth Bayley x*li.*
John Backhouse
Thomas Gayrey

John Backhouse x*li.*
Elizabeth Bayley
Henry Spyer

Thomas Gayrey x*li.*
John Backhouse
Danyell Marter

Danyell Marter x*li.*
John Backhouse
Thomas Gayrey

Henry Spyer x*li.*
Danyell Marter
John Backhouse.

[5] per, MS.

[p. 270.] Mondaye, 24° Septembris, 1627, ac 3° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc. Quarter daye.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour.* Mr. William Iremonger, elect, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Walter Bateman *, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Secondarye Burgesses.

John Saunders, Esquire, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

Memorandum, Whereas the Mayour and Burgesses of this Boroughe were directed by the last will and testament of Mr. John Kendricke to purchase 50*li.* per annum payable to Mistris Ann Newman duringe her lief, and afterwardes to the poore of this Boroughe, and x*li.* per annum for the mayntenance of morninge prayer in the parishe churche of St. Marye within this Boroughe:

And whereas for the performaunce of the trust in this behaulfe the said Mayour and Burgesses did heretofore purchase of Mr. William Kendricke landes in Tilehurst of the yerely value of 60*li.* per annum for the discharge of the said severall annuities of 50*li.* per annum and 10*li.* per annum:

And whereas it nowe falleth out that the said landes soe purchased cannot be lett for above the clere yearly value of 55*li.* per annum:

Yt is therefore ordeyned and enacted this present daye by the said Mayour and Burgesses that of the said rent of 55*li.* per annum there shalbe paid 50*li.* to the said Mistris Newman duringe her lief and after her deceasse the said 50*li.* per annum to contynue payable to the poore of this Burroughe in discharge of the trust reposed in the said Mayour and Burgesses in this behalfe; and the 5*li.* residue togither with other 5*li.* per annum to be purchased to be and remayne for the mayntenance of the said morninge prayer for ever.

At this daye the lease of the house and landes at North Streete, formerly graunted to Thomas Lowgrove for 99 yeres, if, &c. payeing

* Marked as absent.

the said yearly rent of 55*li.* per annum, was sealed and delivered to him.

[p. 271.] Tuesdaye, 25° Septembris, 1627, ac iij° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour.* Mr. William Iremonger, elect, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Walter Bateman*, Mr. Anthony Knight.

John Saunders, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston*, John Dewell*, George Thorne*, John Blake, Anthony Brackston*, Arther Curtyce*, John Bagley*, Richard Burren*, John Jenyns*.

At this daye th' accomptes of the 2850*li.* receaved into the charge of this Corporacion by Mr. Kendricke was had and made of the beinge and disposinge thereof, as followeth, vizt.:

	li.
paid Mr. Kendricke for the land	2000
paid the iiij^or Clothiers as apereth . . .	0500
paid into the handes of Mr. Roger Knight for the Maides, he beinge then Mayour . .	0100
paid into the handes of Mr. Mayour . . .	0080
paid Mr. Saunders	0010
rest in Mr. Kendricke's handes	0160
	2850

And th'accompt of the other 2000*li.* receaved by George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Richard Burren, John Bagley and John Jenyns was then had and taken as appeareth in the daye booke made and kept for Mr. John Kendricke's busynes onely.

28° Septembris, 1627. Coram Cristofero Turnour, *Majore.*

William Clement, of Turges, informeth that Mr. Thomas Lovell hath beaten, misused and soe ill intreated Jane Wigg, spinster, his wive's daughter, that she is maymed and by reason thereof is in danger of death, and prayeth that security maye be taken that he maye be fourth-cominge ad respondendum, etc.

* Marked as absent.

Mr. Lovell acknowledgeth he did beate her with the sticke he nowe hath in his handes, and saith he is very sorry and will make her any satisfaccion as any two men shall thinke fitt; and seeinge that informacion is geven by the Constable that there is noe danger of death in the maide, the trespasse is refer'd to be ended by the award of William Harmwood and Thomas Harrison, to be ended to-morrowe.

[p. 272.] Mondaye, j° die Octobris, 1627, ac 3° regni regis Caroli, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour*. Sir Edward Clerk, Knight, Mr. William Iremonger, elect, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Secondarye Burgesses.

John Saunders, Esquire *, John Newman, Willyam Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtyce, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye Mr. Willyam Iremonger, the elected Mayour, by direccions of the chartre, before his last predecessour Mayour, did take the oath of Supremacye, (2) and the oath of Mayour and Justyce of Peace and Clerke of the Markett . . . . within the Boroughe, (3) and Mr. Thomas Turnour and Mr. Nicholas Gunter did take oath to doe the office of Assessinge the prices of Victuall; and the said Mayour and Magistrates did then name and apoynt Cofferers for this yeare.

And the said Mayour did then name and apoynt Constables and Wardens for this yeare.

George Thorne John Blake	} Cofferers, jurati.
Humfrey Evens Willyam Stretche	} Constables, jurati.
Walter Filmore Henry Haskerd	} Gardiani Alte garde, jurati.
John Webbe and Thomas Duke	} Gardiani Minster garde, jurati.
Walter Densill and Ricardus Booth, jun.	} Gardiani del London garde, jurati.

* Marked as absent.

Steven Lawrence Nathaniell Blacknoll	Gardiani del Veteris garde, jurati.
Thomas Cope, jun. John Chaundler	Gardiani del Nove garde, jurati.

At this daye the said late Mayour publickly related in the open Hall the accomptes of all the rentes, revenues, stockes and somes of money in his charge for charitable uses in the yeare of his Mayoraltie. And it apeared by th'accompt that all the said rentes, stockes and somes of money were distributed and disposed accordinge to th'intent of the donours. And that all the moneys apoynted to be geven in charitable uses in the yeare nowe ended were distributed accordingly and over and about by th'accompt, as apeareth by the particulers.

Agreed there shalbe noe more money paid the brickmen untill they shall rid and carry away the bad brickes.

[p. 273.] Wensdaye, 10 Octobris, 1627.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour.

At this daye the quietus for the 2nd yere of Kinge Charles was delivered to Mr. Christofer Turnour.

Die Mercurii, 3° Octobris, 1627, 3° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight*.

At this daye the Lawdaye for this Borough was holden before the said Mayour and Burgesses.

Nomina Juratorum.

Robertus Dye, jurator primus	jurati.	Henricus Mapleton	jurati.
Johannes Mylles		Simo Dee	
Thomas Harrison		Edward Brackston	
Willelmus White		Ricardus Horsingdon	
Willelmus Wilmer, jun.		Robertus Jones	
Ricardus Holmes		Walter Fellowe, jun.	
Willelmus Mylles		Thomas Smeeth	
		Johannes Osgood, jun.	
		Gyles Archer	

* Marked as absent.

Willelmus Sone } gustatores carnium.
John Porter }
Willelmus Sedburye, scrutator correi et calceorum.
Ricardus Mathewe } gustatores cervisie.
Willelmus Browne }
Willelmus Browne, jurator Hayward.

Mondaye, 15° Octobris, 1627, and Wensdaye, 17° Octobris, 1627.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus †, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight †, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

At this daye warrant for the impressing of ten hable men for his Majestie's present service, to be delivered at Newbery the xxjth of this instant October, and for levyeing of ix*li.* in money for their coates and conduct money, &c.

Agreed that a taxe shalbe fourth-with levyed uppon th'inhabitantes uppon the j*d.* men and upwardes to raise the charge to performe this service in all thinges, whiche uppon accomptes apeareth to be xiiij*li.* ix*s.* vj*d.*; and in the meane-tyme William Wilmer shall lend of the moneys in his handes soe muche money as the charges shall arise unto, untill the taxe shalbe levyed, and then to be repaid.

[Soldyers, *in margin.*] The names of the vj Souldyers that were imprest and did serve for the Towne at this tyme delivered at Newbery, 22° Octobris, 1627.

Henry Ingame, a tapster	John Kenton, wever
Richard Gayger, wever	Peter Harvey, toothdrawer
John Webster, shoomaker	Thomas Powell, a vagrant.

There was ix prest, and those six served for the Towne, and the other 3, vizt. Ebson, Coanes and Carter are taken for the Cuntry, and did goe as the Justices did order.

[p. 274.] Wensdaye, 24° Octobris, 1627.

Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter *, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight *, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman *, Mr. Anthony Knight.

† Marked as absent 15 and 17 Oct. * Marked as absent.

Agreed that Mr. Newman shall take of the money in William Wylmer's handes 70*li.* to pay the plomer and carpenters; and Mr. Roger Knight to have 10*li.* of William Wylmer to pay Brookman.

29° Octobris, 1627. Coram Willelmo Iremonger, *Majore.*

Phillip Tomey complayneth that uppon Saturday last he had a quarter of mutton stollen from and out of his shoppe, and that this partie nowe presente, vizt. William Geiffes did steale it from him; for on Saturday in the eveninge he brought into the house of John Noble the same quarter of mutton, and would then have had it drest.

The examynacion of William Gieffes.

Saith he dwelleth in Kentishe Towne in the parishe of Pankridge, nere Highgate, in Middlesex, and there liveth as a laborer in husbandrye, and there hath lived ij yeres or more, and about a fortnight past he and his wief came from thence and went to Execetour with his wive's freindes, and from thence they returning made their way into this Towne, intending to returne to Kentishe Towne, and uppon Saturday last came to this Towne in the afternoone, about 2 or 3 a clocke. Denyeth the bringing in of any mutton or meate whatsoever.

Sent to the House of Correccion per warrant.

3° Novembris, 1627. Coram Willelmo Iremonger, *Majore.*

Elizabeth Ferrys, widowe, hath taken her corporall oath that she is in feare that Henry Sharpe, taylour, will either beat, kyll, or doe her some bodily harme, and therefore craved securitie that she maye live in peace by him.

Ipsa Elizabeth adtunc et ibidem ad requisicionem predicti Henrici Sharpe relaxabat predictum Henricum.

[p. 275.] 12° Novembris, 1627. Coram Willelmo Iremonger, *Majore.*

Amye Tapley, spinster, dwellinge as an undertenant to John Knight in Syvyer Streete in Readinge, and payeing ij*d.* a weeke for house roome and lodgeing, a quarter of a yere or thereaboutes, saith she is great with childe, begotten by John Denton, a soldyer, under Captayne Gifford, a weeke after Whitsondaye last . . . . he beinge then come from Winchester too his Captayne, and promised to marry her. Captayne Gifford and his souldyers went from Readinge towardes Winchester in Aprill last past.

John Knight and Christian Coles, the wife of George Coles, have requested daye till Thursdaye to fynd securitye.

Nos Georgium Coles, broadwever, Ricardum Grenewood de Reading predicta, husbandman, et Johannem Knight de Reding predicta, broadwever, teneri Majori et Burgensibus burgi de Readinge predicta in quadraginta libris. The condicion to discharge the Towne of the said Amye and the childe she nowe goeth withall, &c. Bond sealed.

Fridaye, 16° Novembris, 1627.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus*, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour*†, Mr. Walter Bateman†, Mr. Anthonye Knight†.

15° die Novembris. His Majestie's lettres concerninge the makinge of saltpeter in or nere this Towne, with a lettre from the Earle of Banburye, came to Mr. Mayour.

Postea: 19° die Novembris, 1627.

[p. 276.] Wensdaye, 28 Novembris, 1627, annoque regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc. iij°.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour‡, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

At this daye the Widowe Belgrove complayned that Phillip Shiler denyeth her the payment of the 40*s.* per annum, whiche was formerly promised her.

Phillip Shiler being convented saith he will paye the Widowe Belgrove accordinge to his former promise from henceforward.

Informacion against unlicensed vitualers, vizt. George Cowper, Richard Mersum, Robert Legge and [*blank*] Harwell: theise shalbe brought in by warrant this daye senight.

Wensdaye, 5° Decembris, 1627, et 3° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Willyam Iremonger, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus,

* Marked as absent 16 Nov. † Marked as absent 15 Nov.
‡ Marked as absent.

Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

George Thorne.

At this daye the Hall accomptes were made as appeareth by the particulers uppon the file.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
The wholle charge is	224	17	2
The ordynary paymentes (paid but 98*li.* 8*s.*, soe in debt to Mr. Mayour 40*li.* 17*s.* 4*d.*)	139	5	4
Extraordinary paymentes . . .	146	3	8½
Total paid . .	244	11	8½
Rest indebted to ordynary paymentes . .	40	17	4
To the Cofferer . . . . . if the 40*s.* be allowed for dynner ells it must be abated.	29	13	5½

At this daye and yeare speache was had concerninge the aunswere to be made for the Saltpeter workes and money to be raised therefore, and it was agreed that a generall meetinge should be had thereaboutes on Monday next, (Mr. Sanders coming home,) and that Mr. Mayour should take order for the sending copies of the lettres to 5 or six of the next townes to acquaynt them of the busynes and that the charges should be borne, &c.

[p. 277.] 6° Decembris, 1627. Coram Willelmo Iremonger, generoso, *Majore.*

[Sessio Pacis, *in margin.*] John Prynce, sadler, complayneth, and hath taken his corporall oath, that he is afrayd that one Frauncis Evans will kill, beate, hurt or doe him some other bodily harme, and therefore craveth security of the peace against him, &c.

Frauncis Evans cognovit se debere domino Regi xx*li.*
Johannes Myles, sadler, et Phillippus Shiler manuceperunt pro predicto Francisco Evens separatim . . } x*li.*

} quod ipse compareat ad proximam Sessionem Pacis, etc., ad respondendum, etc., et quod interim teneat pacem domini Regis, etc., et precipue erga Johannem Prynce.

[Signed] Johne Prenc, Francis Evans, Joh Miles, Phillip ℞ Shiler, Matew Tornor.

x° Decembris, 1627. Coram Willelmo Iremonger, *Majore.*

Th'examynacion of Thomas Middleton.

Saith that he was borne at Criche, ij myles from Taunton, and was apprentice to Wellington, with William Atkyns, a wever, his tyme of apprentishippe was out last Christmas, and hath lived in the cuntry there ever synce untill Mondaye last, and then he came from thence intending to goe to London, to fynd his reputed father. Henry Brounfourd, a plomer, at Westminster, hopinge to have some relief at his handes. Noe certificate. Sent to the House of Correccion.

Margarett Hayes was midwife at the birth of Judith Parr's childe, borne the ixth of this December.

Mary Barkeshiere Joane Prynce, widowe Agnes Johnson, wife to Bryan Johnson Joane Burford, wife to John Burford	all saye that Judith Parr, at the birth of the childe, said it is Thomas Bendye's childe, and none but his.

[p. 278.] Tuesdaye, 11° Decembris, 1627, et 3° regni regis Caroli, etc.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

John Saunders, Esq., John Newman, William Kendricke *, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell *, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arthur Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

Sir Frauncis Knollis, Knight, Sir Thomas Vachell, Knight.

At this daye his Majestie's lettres concerninge the raisinge a stocke of money for the effectinge the saltpeter worke in or nere this Towne were openly read.

And in like manner lettres from the Erle of Banberye to the same purpose were likewise openly read. Consultacion beinge had for aunswere, &c.

* Marked as absent.

In regard the Clothiers and Dyers of this Towne make daily use of the most parte of the urine of this Towne, and cannott spare it from their trade, it is agreed that aunswere shalbe made to that effect, &c.

John Elkyns
William Mylles } clothiers, sworne searchers, &c., of woollen broadclothes, to be made within the Borough, and bound in x*li.* a peice by Brogine (?).

At this daye William Stretche, one of the Constables, complayned that one George Varney, a clothier in Towne, abused the Constable with rayling speches, denyed the Constable the taking of his horse to goe post to serve the Kinge in speciall service then required to be done, and the Constable having taken the horse, shutt his dores and kept the Constable and horse within dores and lockt the dores against him. [Super sacramentum suum, *in margin.*]

Required to fynd suretyes of his good behaviour, and denyeinge, &c., was comytted to Counter.

[p. 279.] 12° Decembris, 1627. Coram Willelmo Iremonger, *Majore.*

Richard Wisdome complayneth that Mary, the wief of Willyam Collys, of Readinge, laborer, hath beaten and doth threaten that she will beate, be revenged of him, and teare him in peeces: upon whiche he hath taken his corporall oath and prayeth security of the peace against her. [Ad Sessionem Pacis, *in margin.*] Conceditur.

Willelmus Collys de Readinge in com. Berk', laborer, cognovit se debere domino Regi xx*li.*
Johannes Browne de Readinge predicta, cardmaker, et
Thomas Weller de Readinge predicta, weaver, manucep'. separatim sub pena x*li.*
} quod predicta Maria compareat ad proximam Sessionem Pacis, etc., et teneat pacem, etc., et precipue versus Ricardum Wisdome.

W XX Thomas W.

Certificat' ad proximam Sessionem Pacis et tunc et ibidem exoneratur.

Mondaye, 17° Decembris, 1627, 3° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter *, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman *, Mr. Anthony Knight.

John Saunders, Esq., John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche *, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys *, John Bagley *, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye iij*li.* x*s.* beinge all due of Mr. Kemishe's guift was distributed, vizt.

4 In St. Marye's parishe
4 In St. Lawrence parishe } 3*s.* 4*d.* a peice; vide le file.
2 In St. Giles' parishe

At this daye the iiij*li.* due of Mr. Hamblen's guift was distributed to ten poore men accordinge to his will, viij*s.* a peice, vizt.

2 In St. Marye's parishe
4 In St. Lawrence parishe } viij*s.* a peice; vide le file.
4 In St. Giles' parishe

At this daye the ten shirtes and smockes of Mr. Pococke's guift were distributed, vizt.

In St. Giles' parishe.
In St. Marye parishe.
In St. Lawrence parishe.

Memorandum, the Tolle.

[p. 280.] Eodem die infrascripto.

At this daye further question was had about the purchasing of land of v*li.* per annum, as was formerly agreed in Mr. Kendricke's busynes, to raise other v*li.* per annum towardes the mayntenance of morning prayer.

At whiche tyme John Jenyns for a hundred poundes to be paid him offered and hath bargayned and sould house and landes in Mattingley to this Corporacion for ever, and to make suche assuraunce as the learned Counsell of this Company shall advise. Of whiche house and landes John Jenings shall have a lease for 1000 yeres, at v*li.* rent per annum, under suche clauses and condicions, prout, etc.

* Marked as absent.

17° Decembris, 1627. Coram Willelmo Iremonger, *Majore*, Roberto Maulthus, Willelmo Maulthus, Rogero Knight, Christofer[o] Turnour, Anthonio Knight.

At this daye the difference betwene John Barratt, shoomaker, and Hughe Wheeler, his apprentice, beinge, as it is informed, not kept as an apprentice, vizt. uncleane, lacke of meate, drink, worke and all necessaryes, prout, etc.; iiij^or yeares to serve. 3*li.* 14*s.* was geven in money at first.

Uppon the hearinge of the differences it was by consent of the parties agreed that John Barrett, uppon the receipt of xx*s.* by the apprentice his freindes, then he shall releese the apprentice and deliver uppe his indenture; otherwise it shall stand as it doth.

Christofer Wheler of Saunderton, near Stoken Churche, promised to pay 40*s.*, if on Saturday next he send not 20*s.* to perform this order.

Wensday, 19° Decembris, 1627.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour*. Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

At this daye it was agreed that Thomas Bedwell (beinge the auncient Serjeant at the Mace) shall hencefourth have the benefitt of warninge the Jurours for the Court.

Agreed that the 3 Sergeantes shall have newe cloakes made fourthwith.

[On a paper pinned to this page:—] Mr. Kendricke, Charles Crowther, Thomas Bolton, Symon Easton. To the Right Honble. [6] Walter Ayres, Francis Blake, David Terrall, Richard Stevens, Rafe Whistler, Simon Maynard, Robert Blacknall, Clayton, Thomas Marshalle, William Biddle, Richard Tatsall, Charles Crowder, Francis Benwell, Thomas Lane (?).

[p. 281.] Quarter daye, Fridaye, 21° Decembris, 1627, 3° regni regis Caroli, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter *, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus,

[6] These names are at the back, in a different hand from the preceding.

* Marked as absent.

Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

Secondary Burgesses.

John Saunders, Esq., John Newman, William Kendricke *, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye question was had for the deodant due from Sir John Blagrave, and it was refer'd untill another tyme, because Sir John could not come, &c.

Memorandum, to call in question the arrerage of rentes and quitrentes at the next meetinge, by direccions of the Counsell without delaye.

At this daye some agrement was had of some of the workmen for Mr. Kendricke's work for 3 clothes a weeke till Midsomer next, as in the booke for that busynes appeareth.

At this daye certen guiftes to charitable uses were distributed, vizt.,

iiij*li.* of Edward Hamblen's guift to ten poore men, vizt.,

4 in St. Lawrence parishe
3 in St. Giles' parishe } v*s.* a peece,
3 in St. Marye's parishe } vide le file.

iiij*li.* of Mr. K[e]mishe his guift, vizt.,

8 in St. Giles' parishe
8 in St. Lawrence parishe } 3*s.* 4*d.* a peece,
5 in St. Marye parishe } vide le file.

x shirtes and smockes of Mr. Pococke's guift.

4 in St. Lawrence parishe
3 in St. Marye parishe } vide le file.
3 in St. Giles' parishe

[p. 282] Mondaye, 24° Decembris, 1627, ac 3° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour.* Sir Edward Clarke, Knight, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter *, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

* Marked as absent.

John Saunders, Esq., John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arthur Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye the decree for the tolles was openly read, and some questions resolved by the Counsell then and there.

At this daye alsoe question was had for the rentes due by the tenantes in Mr. Kendricke's house for the tyme past synce the purchase: this was refer'd untill the next meetinge to be advised on, &c.

Memorandum, Ungle in the gaole to be reexamyned and to be removed by *habeas corpus* the next terme.

Memorandum, the deodand from Sir John Blagrave.

Memorandum, to call Gabriell Barnes, Nicholas Larkham and William Marshall.

Fridaye, 28° Decembris, 1627, et 3° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Maiour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter*, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus*, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

John Saunders*, Esq., John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne*, John Blake*, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys*, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

Agreed that uppon Wensdaye next accomptes shalbe had of the rest of Mr. Kendricke's money formerly receaved.

For and towardes the mayntenance [of] Thomas, the bastard childe, begotten on the body of Judith Parr, Thomas Bendye will paye xij*d.* a weeke during 16 yeres, if the said Thomas Bendy and the bastard shall live soe longe.

[p. 283.] Wensdaye, the 2° of Januarye, 1627, ac 3° regni regis Caroli, 1627 [*sic*].

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter*, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus*, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman*, Mr. Anthony Knight*.

* Marked as absent.

John Saunders, Esq., John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley *, Richard Burren, John Jenyns *.

At this daye it was intended to have the accomptes of all the moneys receaved in parte of Mr. Kendricke's guift, and in whose handes the remaynder lyeth undisposed.

John Browne, a warder, by command informeth that ij gentlemen informed against a footman, and said he was a felon and stayed this Examinate.

John Knee of London, in Algate parishe without the gate, turninge into the Myneryes, a wyne cowper, a maryed man and houskeeper there, came fourth of London yesterdaye morninge, intendinge to goe to Newberye to his aunte, Alice Passion, lyeinge very sicke, and to goe further to visite his freindes.

Comitted to Counter for security, and the next day fetcht awaye by the Complainant by warrant from the Lord Cheiffe Justice. Teste Humfredo Evans.

Wensdaye, 23° January, 1627, ac 3° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight. [No business recorded, but all apparently present.]

[p. 284.] Mondaye, 28° Januarii, 1627, ac 3° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter *, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman *, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

John Saunders *, Esq., William Kendricke *, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys *, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

* Marked as absent.

At this daye warrantes came from the Deputy Leivtenantes for the billettinge and lodgeinge of 90 men, parte of Collonell Ramsey's company in Readinge, at iij*s.* vj*d.* a man every weeke, and weekly duringe their abode here, Captayne Roger Powell beinge Comander of those 90 men; and for the raisinge of iij*li.* x*s.* a weeke, towardes the charge of those soldyors weekly, beinge laid uppon the Towne to be paid.

And it was this daye agreed that a taxe shalbe made uppon the inhabitantes to raise one monethes paye of iij*li.* x*s.* a weeke of all th'inhabitantes taxed in the collecion booke, halfe-peny men and ells to pay. The bookes in that kynd come to 3*li.* a weeke, but allowaunce must be made for the Constables' and Officers' taxes and the billetted houses respected. 24*s.*; 20*s.* 8*d.*; and 15*s.*

At this daye it was agreed that a lettre of attorney shalbe made to Robert Bent, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, John Bagley, Richard Burren and John Jenyns to receave of Mr. Halsteed the 3500*li.* nowe due by Mr. John Kendricke's will. They first gevinge bond of 4000*li.* to repay the money at a moneth.

Wensdaye, 30 January, 1627.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour *, Mr. Nicholas Gunter *, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus *, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman *, Mr. Anthony Knight *. [No business recorded for this day.]

[p. 285.] Mondaye, 4 February, 1627.

Mr. Willyam Iremonger, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

John Saunders *, [Esq.], John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche *, Robert Bent, John Dewell, William Brackston, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye a lettre from the Right Honourable Erle of Banburye for the choosinge of Sir John Brooke to be one of the

* Marked as absent.

Burgesses of this Corporacion for the Parliament, intended to be holden the xvijth of Marche next, [was openly read to this Companye.]

Agreed that aunswere shalbe to those lettres, that request may be made that we may contynue our neighbours parte (?), whiche at the last Parliament were recomended by his Ho[nour], vizt. Sir Francis K[nollis], and Mr. Saunders one of [*blank.*]

Aunswere to Mr. Ironside in the like request by lettre from himself.

Memorandum, at this day the differences betwixt Richard Bredes and John Grippe were heard and reconciled, and uppon request Richard Bredes did freely forgeve to John Grip[pe] all that is past in word and deed and promised not to trouble him.

5° Februarii, 1627. [No entry.]

8° Februarii, 1627. Coram Willelmo Iremonger, *Majore.*

Jonathan Wyller hath taken[7] his oath that he is afraid that John Rumsey will doe him some bodily harme, &c.

The like against Richard Bagley.

[p. 286.] Mondaye, 11° Februarii, 1627.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter*, Mr. Robert Maulthus*, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

John Saunders, Esq.*, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye it was agreed that for and towardes the payment of the Souldyers weekly that are billetted in the Towne beinge 3*li.* 10*s.* a weeke, laid uppon the Towne to pay, and the former taxe gone and expended, another taxe for j monethe's pay shalbe fourth-with levyed in suche a manner as the former was levied to paye the Soldyers.

At this daye the residewe and remayne of the hundred poundes geven by Mr. John Kendricke's last will to the mariage of 50 poore maides in Readinge, and by Mr. Roger Knight receaved when he

[7] Taketh, MS. * Marked as absent.

was Mayour, was agayne in question, and after many speches and his accomptes thereof reviewed, by whiche it appeared the remayne thereof (not by him paid to the maydes) was disbursed in payment of the Hall debtes and about the Hall affayres, as it was ordered by the Company the next weeke after it was receaved, yt was agayne agreed that the Hall shalbe debtour and hencefourth pay the maides till the 100*li.* shalbe fully paid accordinge to the will. Mr. Mayour negante.

[p. 287.] Mondaye, 18° Februarii, 1627.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

John Saunders, Esq.*, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Wynche*, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake*, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenins.

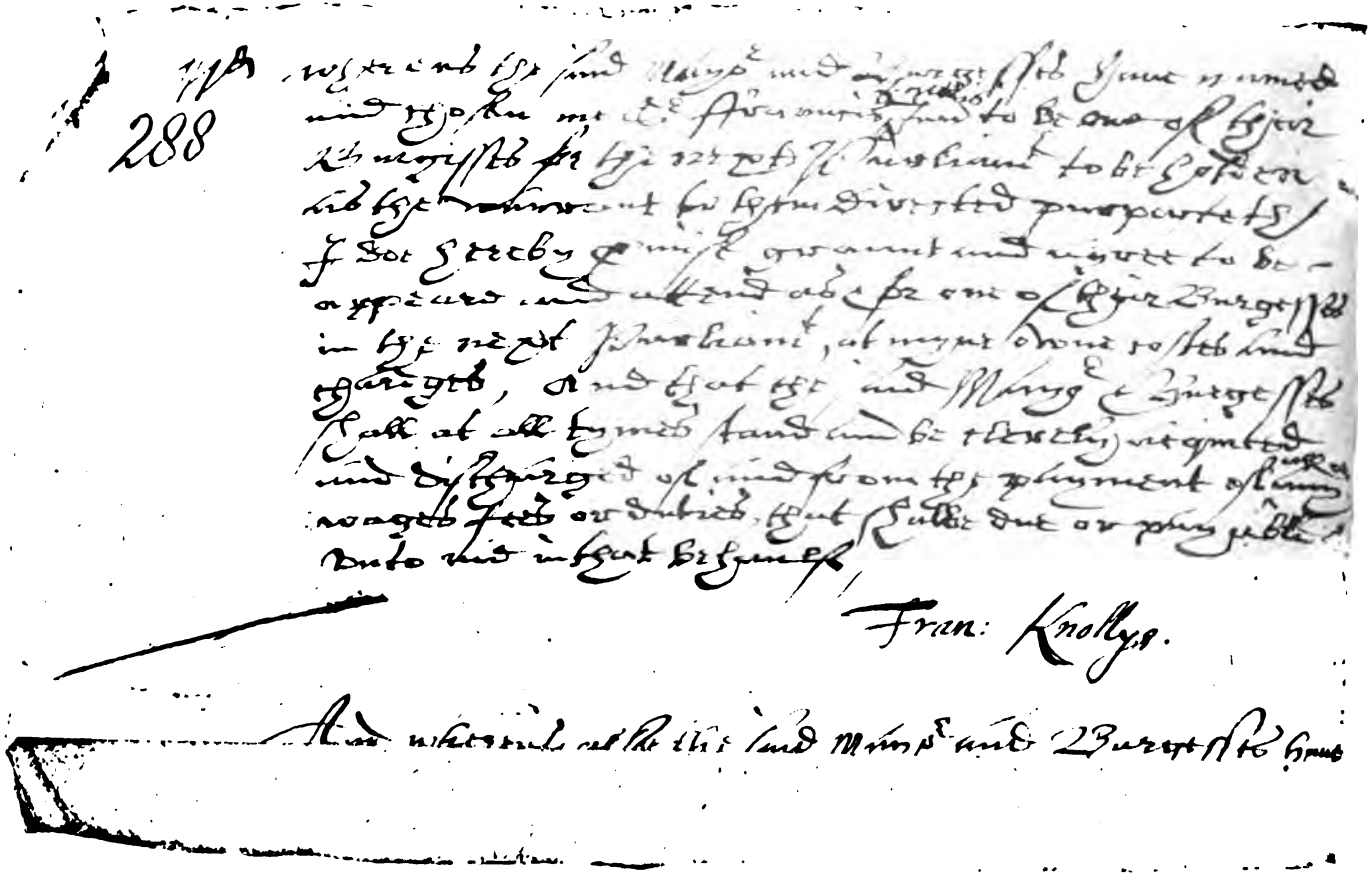
At this daye the High Sheriffes warrant for electinge two Burgisses for this Boroughe to be of the next Parlyament to be holden at Westminster the xvijth daye of Marche next cominge, was openly read to this Company.

At this daye alsoe lettres from the Right Honourable Earle of Banburye for the nomynatinge of Sir John Brooke, Knight, to be one of the Burgesses for this Boroughe, were agayne openly read to this Corporacion ; and it was the opinion of the wholle Company that the said Erle was therein satisfyed by the answere of these lettres sent unto him, there beinge noe other lettre from the Lord since that tyme.

At this daye theise men were put in Eleccion, for two of them to be chosen Burgesses for this Boroughe at the next Parlyament, provided that those two whiche shalbe chosen shall beare their owne charges in that service as before tyme, vizt.

Sir John Brooke, Knight.
Sir Francis Knollis, Junior, IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII [19].
John Saunders, Esq., IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII [20].
Mr. Edward Ironsted.
Mr. Thomas Turnour.
Mr. Nicholas Gunter.
Mr. Robert Maulthus.
Mr. William Maulthus.

* Marked as absent.



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Fran: Knollys.

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By this Eleccion Sir Frauncis Knollis and Mr. Saunders are freely chosen to be Burgisses for this Boroughe at and for the next Parlyament, and their names shalbe certifyed to the Highe Sheriffe according to his warrant.

[p. 288.] Memorandum, whereas the said Mayour and Burgesses have named and chosen me Sir Frauncis Knollis, Junior, to be one of their Burgisses for the next Parliament to be holden, as the warrant to them directed purporteth, I doe hereby promise, graunt and agree to be, appeare and attend as and for one of their Burgesses in the next Parliament, at myne owne costes and chardges, and that the said Mayour and Burgesses shall at all tymes stand and be clerely acquited and discharged of and from the payment of all or any wages, fees or duties that shalbe due or payable unto me in that behaulf. [Signed] Fran: Knollys.

And whereas alsoe the said Mayour and Burgesses have nomynated and chosen me John Saunders, Esq., to be one of their Burgisses for the next Parliament to be holden as the warrant to them directed by the High Sheriffe of the said County, purporteth, I the said John Saunders doe hereby promise, graunt and agree to be, appeare and attend as and for one of their Burgisses at the next Parliament at myne owne costes and chardges, and that the said Mayour and Burgesses shall at all tymes stand and be clerely acquited and dischardged of and from the payment of all or any wages, fees or duties that shalbe due or payable unto me in that behaulf. [Signed] Jo: Saunders.

Fridaye, 22° Februarii, 1627, et 3° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight, John Saunders, Esq.

At this daye it was agreed that the wenche called Amye Hasell, whiche at the last Assises was comitted to the charge of the Towne to be kept and to be fourthcominge at the next Assises, shalbe had to the next Assises at the charges of the Hall, and that Cowper, the runinge begger, shall have her to Abingdon, and cause her to attend the Court when she shalbe called, &c.

[p. 289.] Mondaye, 25° Februarii, 1627, ac 3° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus*, Mr. Roger Knight*, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman*, Mr. Anthony Knight*.

Seeinge the Quarter daye for the meetinge of the Mayour and Burgesses for the affaires of this Corporacion should be Fridaye next for some causes it was this daye agreed that the Quarter daye shalbe holden and attended by the Company that daye senight, vizt. Fridaye come senight, and not before.

3° Martii, 1627, ac 3° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour*. Sir Edward Clerke, Knight, John Saunders, Esq., Mr. Thomas Turnour*, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus*, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman*, Mr. Anthonye Knight*.

John Newman, William Brackston, John Jenyns.

[No business recorded for this day.]

[p. 290*a*.] For observacion of Lent.

Coram Willelmo Iremonger, *Mayour*, Edwardo Clerke, *Milite*, Nicholao Gunter, Roberto Maulthus, Willelmo Maulthus, Christofero Turnour, 6° [?] Martii, 1627.

Postea, 10 Martii, 1627. Coram Willelmo Iremonger, *Majore*, Edwardo Clerke, Milite, Thoma Turnour, Nicholao Gunter, Willelmo Maulthus, Rogero Knight, Christofero Turnour.

Minster Ward.

12*d*. Edwardus Symons	x*li*.	Symo Cane	10*li*.
Ricardus Walker Symo Cane	pro se v*li*.	Ricardus Walker Edwardus Symons	5*li*.
Ricardus Walker	10*li*.	Edwardus Andrewes	10*li*.
Edwardus Symons Symo Cane	v*li*.	Johannes Pidgeon Edwardus Taylor	v*li*.

* Marked as absent.

Johannes Pidgeon	10*li.*	Thomas Richards	10*li.*
Edwardus Andrewes Edwardus Tayler	5*li.*	Nicholas Middleton John Goodbarnes	5*li.*
Edwardus Taylor	10*li.*	John Goodbarnes	10*li.*
Johannes Pidgeon Edwardus Andrewes	5*li.*	Thomas Richards Nicholas Middleton	5*li.*
Robert Creed	10*li.*	Robert Gallant	10*li.*
Thomas Skinner Johannes Day	5*li.*	Valentine Skeate John Goodbarnes	5*li.*
Thomas Skinner	10*li.*	Valentine Skeate	10*li.*
Robert Creed John Day	5*li.*	Robert Gallant Francis Browne	5*li.*
John Day	10*li.*	Henry Frewin, senior	10*li.*
Thomas Skinner Robert Creed	5*li.*	Henry Frewin, junior Henry Osborne	5*li.*
John Bachus	10*li.*	Thomas Hatton	10*li.*
Edward Taylour Thomas Gary	5*li.*	John White Henry Osborne	5*li.*
Thomas Gayry	10*li.*	Agnet' Funge	10*li.*
John Bachus Edward Taylor	5*li.*	Robert Gallant Valentine Skeate	5*li.*
Phillip Shiler	10*li.*	Daniel Cleare	10*li.*
Ricardus Holmes Willelmus Cooper	5*li.*	John White Henry Osborne	5*li.*
Ricardus Holmes	10*li.*	[p. 291.] Willelmus Hulberd	10*li.*
Phillip Shiler Willelmus Cooper	5*li.*	Francis Browne Alexander Pither	5*li.*
Willelmus Cooper	10*li.*	Francis Browne	10*li.*
Ricardus Holmes Phillip Shiler	5*li.*	Willelmus Hulberd Alexander Pither	5*li.*
Nicholas Middleton	10*li.*	Alexander Pither	10*li.*
Thomas Richards John Goodbarnes	5*li.*	Francis Browne Willelmus Hulberd	5*li.*

Henry Elkins 10*li.*
Francis Browne } 5*li.*
Willelmus Hulberd

Humfry Parker 10*li.*
James Hulberd } 5*li.*
John Pynnocke

James Hulberd 10*li.*
Humfry Parker } 5*li.*
John Pynnocke

John Pinnocke 10*li.*
James Hulberd[8] } 5*li.*
Humfry Parker

Butchers.

William Soane 10*li.*
Edward Brackstone } 5*li.*
John Creed

Edward Brackstone 10*li.*
William Soane } 5*li.*
John Creed

John Creed 10*li.*
Edward Brackstone } 5*li.*
William Soane

Edward Creed 10*li.*
Henry Creed } 5*li.*
Richard Cranedge

Henry Creed 10*li.*
Edward Creed } 5*li.*
Richard Cranedge

Richard Cranedge 10*li.*
Henry Creed } 5*li.*
Edward Creed

John Jones 10*li.*
William Soane } 5*li.*
Richard Cranedge

Elizabeth Baily 10*li.*
William Hitch } 5*li.*
William Wickins

William Wickins 10*li.*
William Hitch } 5*li.*
Elizabeth Baily

John Johnson 10*li.*
William Wickins } 5*li.*
John Greene

Jerome Pococke 10*li.*
Richard Whitton
Edward Scriven } 5*li.*
pro Willelmo Evered

Richard Whitton 10*li.*
Jerome Pococke } 5*li.*
Edward Scriven

Richard Whitton
Jerome Pococke
Matthew Bonde } 10*li.*
pro William Nethercliff

Thomas Lea
Gregory Stevens
Henry Merefeild

Gregory Stevens
Thomas Lea
Henry Merifeild

Henry Merifeild
Gregory Stevens
Thomas Lea
pro Edward Merifeild

[8] Hulbecke, MS.

Mathew Bond	10*li.*
Jerome Pococke Richard Witton	5*li.*
Thomas Towne	10*li.*
William Wilmer Laurence Creed	5*li.*
George Cooper Raph Coxhead Thomas Spencer	5*li.*
Alice Smith, vidua	10*li.*
Thomas Umfry Daniel Martin	5*li.*
Daniel Martin	10*li.*
Thomas Umfry Alice Smith, vidua	5*li.*
Anne Chapman	10*li.*
William Vinge Roger Bowyer	5*li.*
William Vinge Roger Bowyer Anne Chapman pro Willelmo Lombe (?)	10*li.*

[p. 290*b*.] [9] Butchers.

Thomas Spencer	10*li.*
John Noble Robert Havell	5*li.*
Robert Havell	10*li.*
Thomas Spencer John Noble	5*li.*
Michael Hamblin Henry Hamblin William Vinge	
Henry Hamblin	10*li.*
Michael Hamblin William Vinge	5*li.*
William Vinge, vitler	10*li.*
Henry Hamblin Michael Hamblin	5[*li.*]
Thomas Colsni	10*li.*
Michael Hamblin Henry Hamblin	5*li.*
Henry Atkins	10*li.*
Ralph Coxhead Roger Knight, junior	5*li.*
Richard Ashmore Robert Traherne Nicholas Stevens pro Isac' Traherne	10*li.*
John James Richard Ashmore William Kenton pro Henry Bird	10*li.*
[p. 290*c*.] William Kenton	10*li.*
Richard Ashmore John James	5*li.*
John Pare	10*li.*
William Kenton John James	5*li.*
George Dewell	10*li.*
Francis Thacham Ralph Coxe	5*li.*
John Arther	x*li.*
Henry Merifeld Raph Coxed	5*li.*

[9] Pages 290*b* and *c* are on a strip of paper inserted here.

10 Martii, 1627.

Jerome Pococke pro magistro Forster, Edward Scrivin, Nicholas Larkham — 10*li.*

Richard Reive — 10*li.*
Nicholas Noble, Nicholas Coplin — 5*li.*

Nicholas Noble — 10*li.*
Richard Reive, Nicholas Coplin — 5*li.*

Nicholas Coplin — 10*li.*
Nicholas Noble, Richard Reive — 5*li.*

12*d.* Avies Forster, vidua — 10*li.*
Richard Reive, Nicholas Noble — 5*li.*

William Marshall — 10*li.*
Nicholas Larkham, Richard Shawe — 5*li.*

Nicholas Larkham — 10*li.*
William Marshall, Richard Shawe — 5*li.*

Richard Shawe — 10*li.*
William Marshall, Nicholas Larkham — 5*li.*

6*d.* Richard Bennet pro Hellen Bennet, vidua, John Greene, John Noble — 10*li.*

John Greene — 10*li.*
John Noble, Richard Bennet — 5*li.*

John Noble — 10*li.*
John Greene, Richard Bennet — 5*li.*

[p. 292.] Fridaye, 7° Marche, 1627.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus *, Mr. William Maulthus *, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman *, Mr. Anthony Knight.

At this daye a controversie risen betwene some of the Souldyers billetted in Towne and divers young men of the Towne and especially by Joseph Fillett and John Richardes, apprentices, was heard and examined in the presens of Mr. Druce the Captayne of the Soldyers, &c.

And seeinge it apeared and was manifested that the said Joseph Fillett and John Richardes were principalls in the quarrell, and would not obey the Constables in their office, &c., they both were enjoyned to find sureties for their good behaviour and for lacke of sureties comitted to the Counter.

* Marked as absent.

John Barker, junior, and Willyam Booth, seeinge the playeinge of the Souldyers at foote-ball in the Forberye, did endevour to fetche the ball from them, whiche caused muche trouble to the Constables and Officers, and danger of hurt to many others.

10 Martii, 1627, ac tertio regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Ad hunc diem Curia sive Sessio Clerici Merkati burgi de Readinge tenta fuit coram Willelmo Iremonger, generoso, Majore et Clerico Mercati infra Burgum predictum et libertates ejusdem, ac coram Thoma Turnour et Nicholao Gunter, generoso, assistantibus, secundum formam statuti in hoc casu provisi, ac coram Edwardo Clerke, milite, Willelmo Maulthus, Rogero Knight et Christofero Turnour, Capitalibus Burgensibus, etc.

Nomina Juratorum ad inquirendum secundum formam statuti, etc.

Ricardus Bagley, jurator primus	jurati.
Peter Thorne	
Johannes Bartlett	
Johannes Frauncis	
Ricardus Sceelye	
Lawrence Creed	
Johannes Browne	
Willelmus Wickyns	
Ricardus Robinson	
Johannes Hatt	
Thomas Richardes	
Johannes Johnson	
Thomas Chaundler	
Johannes Castell	
Danyell Clere	
Willelmus Hitche	
Roger Walker	

[p. 293.] Quarter daye, Tuesdaye, 11° Martii, 1627, et 3° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour*, and Sir Edward Clerke, Knight. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus,

Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour*, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight*.

Secondarye Burgesses.

John Saunders, Esquire, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston*, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

Agreed that a sufficient bricke chimn[ey] shalbe buylt in the Ospitall by the oversight and survey of the Cofferers and 2 or 3 more of the Secondarye Burgesses (if uppon the survey they shall thinke it fitt to be buylt).

At this daye a lease of Widowe Bradburye's house was graunted to William Brookman for 3 lyves, at xx*s*. rent, and for herryott and condicions usuall; xx*s*. fine to be paid at th'ensealling; the lives to be named next weeke.

Memorandum, a lease to Richard Atwater of the house and garden in Crowne Lane for 3 lives, at 40*s*. rent.

At this daye a lettre of attorney and acquitaunce to demaund the 3500*li*. of Mr. Halsteed were sealed with the comon seale and delivered to th'attor[ney], &c. to goe and require the money of Mr. Halsteed.

Wensdaye, 12° Martii, 1627, et 3° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour*, and John Saunders, Esq., Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus*, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour*, Mr. Walter Bateman*, Mr. Anthony Knight*.

John Newman, George Thorne, Anthony Brackston, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye John Harwell, keepinge alehouse withoute licens and being complayned on by his neighbours for ill rule and disorder in his house, was forbidden the keepinge of alehouse at his perill.

At this daye complaint was made by Mr. Gunter against Roger Frewyn, for abusinge Mr. Gunter in wordes, vizt. in sayeinge (contra bones mores) *and he would geve ij*d.: he acknowledged his fault and submitted himself and was remitted.

* Marked as absent.

At this daye Richard Cooke complayned against Alice Poynter, spinster, for abusinge him in skolding, revilinge speaches and sclanders, &c., against him and many of her neighbours, a disturbur of the peace in suche sort that they cannot live in peace by her; she is an evesdropper, &c.

Richard Cooke } Bankerupt
Elizabeth Cane } Cookholl, whare [*sic*].

Warrant to attach her, done.

Memorandum, Ricardus Cooke cognovit se debere domino Regi } v*li.* ad prosequendum.

Richard Cook.

[Ad Sessionem Pacis post festum Sancti Johannis Baptiste[1] proximum, *in margin.*]

[p. 294.] Mondaye, 17° Martii, 1627, ac iij° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter*, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

John Saunders, Esq.*, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell*, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtis, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

Whereas Thomas Harrison held the meadowe in Burfeild at vj*li.* per annum, payeinge his rent before hand at Michellmas, and seeinge he gave noe warninge at Michaellmas last, it was agreed and by him promised to pay for this yere the vj*li.* and to hold till Michaellmas next, and soe to leave the possession. Paid presentely. Memorandum, to have it in question at Midsomer quarter next to be leased to the best advantage.

At this daye a lease of the ij stables at old Yeld Hall, late in Mr. Dewell's and Mr. Newman's holdinge, is graunted to Mr. Mayour for 3 lives, at 24*s.* rent, with and under suche covenantes and condicions as are usuall in the Hall leases of their tenementes, if he like within a moneth.

[1] Baptisti, MS.

* Marked as absent.

Memorandum, uppon the viewe of the Cofferers the like lease shalbe graunted to John Jenyns of those ij stables in his occupacion, if, &c.

Memorandum, to call William Bye.

17° Martii, 1627. Coram Willelmo Iremonger, *Majore.*

[2] Margarett Collingwoodd, the wife of Frauncis Collingwood, complayneth that she is in feare and dareth not goe about her busynes for the threates of Joane Greene, the wife of Thomas Greene, affirminge that if this Complaynant come fourth any tyme this twelve moneth, she will meete with her and best her; and other revilinge wordes. She hath taken oath and prayeth security of the peace that she may goe in peace.

Thomas Greene blacksmyth pro uxore x*li.*		quod Joana Greene compareat ad proximam Sessionem Pacis, etc. et quod interim tenet pacem versus, etc. et precipue versus Margaretam Collingwood.
Ricardus Mathewe et Thomas Nowell	manucep'. separatim in v*li.*	

[Ad Sessionem Pacis proximam, *in margin.*]

[p. 295.] Wensdaye, 19° Martii, 1627, et 3° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

John Saunders, Esq., John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren *, John Jenyns.

At this daye it was agreed (concerning Mr. Kendricke's busynes) that the buyldinge begun shalbe finished; and that Mr. Halstede's acquitaunce shalbe as the Lord Keeper shall direct, &c.

Memorandum, the differences betwene Walles wief and Thomas Greene and his wief were heard, and agreed, and the next of them offending shalbe punished by Mr. Mayour, prout, etc.

[2] From *Margarett* to end of page is crossed through in the MS.

* Marked as absent.

Wensdaye, 26° Martii, 1627, 3° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight *, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman*, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

At this daye a warrant from Sir Francis Knolles and Sir Thomas Vachell for accomptes of all moneys within five yeares last levyed for pressinge, conduct and coatinge of Soldyers pressed for his Majestie's service, within this Borough, was openly read; redelivered to Mr. Mayour.

Memorandum, at this tyme Frauncis Thackham, one of the Sergeantes was willed to forbeare his attendaunce and the doeinge of his office untill Mr. Mayour shalbe further advised (for strikinge a man in the churchyard after he had arrested him). [Causa, *in margin.*]

At this daye Raph Coxed did take his corporall oath that Roger Hayes did challenge, assault and misuse him in open streete without cause. Roger Hayes beinge required to find sureties for the peace, denyed soe to doe; was comitted to Counter.

Ad Sessionem Pacis. Postea: Rogerus Hayes cognovit x*li.* } quod compareat, etc. et quod inter[im tenet] pacem, etc.
Nathaniell Jemott, Willelmus Bye } manucep'. v*li.*

At this daye it was agreed that another taxe to paye the billetted Souldyers shalbe made for another moneth, accordinge to the former taxes in all thinges, and accomptes to be had of the Constables, &c., when all is finished.

[p. 296.] Fridaye, 28 Martii, 1628, ac 4° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus*, Mr. William Maulthus *, Mr. Roger Knight*, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

The 3 Maides for the lott upon Goodfridaye shalbe chosen uppon Monday next.

Memorandum, to provide a booke for the trayned band and all martiall busynes in this towne.

* Marked as absent.

Wensdaye, 2° Aprilis, 1628, ac 4° regni regis Caroli.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman *, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Rowland Collinson saith it was agreed that he should serve Richard Stampe 7 yeares, whereof 3 yeares is past.

2° Aprilis, 1628, 4° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Sarah Bromesgrave, uxor Johannis Bromesgrave, did take oath that she is afraid that Ellyn Beale, the wief of Mathewe Beale, will beate her or doe her some bodily harme, and feareth to goe about her busynes, &c., and prayeth security of the peace against her, &c. Conceditur.

Ad Sessionem Pacis. Matheus Beale cognovit se debere domino Regi x*li*. quod Elena uxor ejus compareat ad proximam Sessionem Pacis ad respondendum ad omnia que, etc., et quod interim tenet pacem domini Regis, etc., erga Saraham Bromesgrave, etc.

Thomas Potter, senior, et
Willelmus Price de, etc. } manucep'. in v*li*. pro ipsa Elena.

Mathew Beale, William Price, alias Browne, +

Posteaque relaxabit.

[p. 297.] Mondaye, 7° Aprillis, 1628, et 4° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

John Saunders, Esq.*, John Newman *, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell *, George Thorne, John Blake *, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys *, John Bagley *, Richard Burren, John Jenyns *.

Theise 3 Maid-servantes elected.

In St. Mary parishe, Anne Shotter.
In St. Giles' parishe,
In St. Lawrence parishe, Phebe Granger.

At this daye question was made.

* Marked as absent.

7° Aprilis, 1628. Coram Willelmo Iremonger, *Majore.*

John Strowd complayneth that upon Saturday night last being the vth of this Aprill he had 3 lambes stollen and carryed awaye out of Westwood feild.

And uppon Sonday night next the Constables and Officers in Readinge makinge searche in suspected howses, they founde in the dwelling house of one John Cheyney in Reading, nere the House of Correccion, parte of the legg of a lambe and the liver and lightes ready drest, and certen sheepes' wooll in the oven there.

And in the house of Frauncis Abrey they found 7 quarters of lambe ready cut out in quarters to be drest, and a parte of the appurtenances of lambe ready sodd.

And at the same tyme and searche in the house of one Anthony Cherrey they found 7 quarters of lambe cutt out in quarters ready to be drest, and in the house 13 lambes' feete, and in the garden and hogstye 5 sheepe skyns, and iiij^or^ lambe skyns, and 3 lambes' feete.

Richard Cheyney, Richard Tue, Richard Carter, Bartlemewe Abrey.

The confession of William Dolman.

Saith his daughter Cicely Dolman dwelleth and lodgeth with Agnes Holmes, widowe, next house to the said [John] Cheyney, and hath said often-tymes to her father that she did mistrust that the said Cheyney did use some indirect meanes to live, by reason he did use to come in and goe out late in the night tymes, and that he never was at any feast with the said Cheyney, but onely at the eating of a goose, whiche he and his brother did eat at Cheyney's house the last sommer.

The confession of John Poles.

He saith he knoweth John Cheyney, Frauncis Abrey, and Anthony Cherrey, but he never was at any bankett or feast with any of them, neither knoweth of any lambes or sheepe, mutton or lambe, that any of them bought or sould, or stole, and as touching the wooll in his house saith his wife did gather it in the feildes.

[p. 298.] At the same tyme. The examynacion of John Cheyney.

Saith he hath lived in Reading ix yeares, or thereaboutes, by the labour of a brickmaker, and uppon Saturdaye last did worke with John Frauncis, the gardyner, and on Saturdaye night he himself,

in the company of Frauncis Abrey and Anthony Cherrey, went in to Tilehurst feildes of purpose to take and fetche each of them a lambe, and in the feildes they tooke eache of them one lambe, killed them and brought them home, and in their cominge home they tooke another lambe of Goodman Bristowe's, and Francis Abrey and Anthony Cherrey had that lambe; they carryed them home in sackes all killed. And further saith he was never at any feast or bankett in their company, nor at any tyme partaker with them in the stealinge of any thinge, but onely one sheepe, whiche they 3 did take out of Mr. Hide's fold, about 4 weekes past. And as touchinge the wooll found in his house, saith it was the wooll of that sheepe whiche they had of Mr. Hide's, and the rest he and his wief bought at severall tymes; and the skyn he cast into the brooke. He cast awaye his lambe skyn.

[Ad Sessionem Pacis proximam, *in margin.*] Johannes Strowde cognovit se debere domino Regi x*li.* quod prosequatur ad proximam Sessionem Pacis, tenendam in comitatur predicto versus predictum Johannem Cheyney.

John Stroud.

Memorandum, Johannes Cheyney cognovit se debere domino Regi x*li.*
Johannes Poles et Willelmus Cowper manuceperunt pro ipso separatim in v*li.* quod ipse Johannes compareat ad proximam } Sessionem Pacis, etc et quod, etc.

Certificatum fuit per W. W[ilmer].

[p. 299.] Goodfridaye, xj° Aprilis, 1628, et 4° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

John Saunders, Esq.*, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye agreed that the 50*li.* due accordinge to Mr. John

* Marked as absent.

Blagrove's [will] for rent, shalbe paid to theise two legatees of his kindred, vizt.

To Charles Hardinge and Anne his wife, one of the daughters of Sara Edmondes, one of Mr. Blagrave's sisters.

Memorandum, the 3 poore maidservantes chosen to the lott this daye.

0 (?). Anne Shotter in St. Mary parishe.

7. Phebe Granger in St. Lawrence.

14. Alice Twench in St. Giles' parishe; she had the lott of 6*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

The second yeare sithence Southcott came and had the lott; Mr. Roger Knight then Mayour.

At this daye Joseph Blagrave in his owne person accordinge to his Uncle's will paid in the ten poundes in a new leather purse. And by direccions of Mr. John Blagrave's will the ten poundes was distributed; vizt.

To the poore maidservant by lott . .	vj*li.* xiij*s.* iiij*d.*
To the Overseers and Churchwardens for 60 poore weomen in St. Lawrence parishe, [a] groate a peece . . .	xx*s.*
To the Overseers, &c. of St. Marye's parishe .	xx*s.*
To the Churchwarden of St. Giles' . .	vj*s.*
To the Preacher	x*s.*
To the Clarke of St. Lawrence . .	iij*s.* iiij*d.*
To the Sexten of St. Lawrence . .	iij*s.* iiij*d.*
To the Junior Churchwarden . .	iij*s.* iiij*d.*

At this daye Alexander Blagrave did not paye in the 50*li.*, nor the 20*s.*, soe there was noe wyne, nor beere, nor agreement to pay the legatees.

At this daye iiij*li.* accordinge to William Legge's will was disposed, vizt.

To 8 poore housholders in St. Marye's parishe,
To 8 in St. Lawrence parishe,
To 8 in St. Giles' parishe; 3*s.* 4*d.* a peice.

At this daye alsoe iij*li.* accordinge to Widowe Worsley's will was by the said Mayour and Burgesses disposed to lx poore widowes, vizt.

In St. Giles' parishe 24.
In St. Lawrence 26.

In St. Marye's 10; xij*d.* a peice, at and by the direccions of the said Mayour and Burgesses in eache parishe.

[p. 300.] Mondaye, 14° Aprilis, 1628, et 4° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour*, and Sir Edward Clerke, Knight, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus *, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

John Saunders, Esq., John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell *, George Thorne *, John Blake, Anthony Brackston *, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye John Hamond, a stranger, come to dwell in Towne with his wief and children, was called in question. Was forbidden his dwellinge in Towne; he dwelleth in Arther Hooker's house. Promised to be gone by May-day next.

At this daye Sir Edward Clerk, Knight, delivered to Mr. Mayour to be put into booke in the Hall, divers speaches in the Parlyament, vizt.

The Kinge's Majestie's speache.
The Lord Keeper's paraphrase, &c.
The Speaker's first and second speeches.
The Lord Keeper's aunswere to the Speaker.
The peticion for Religion.

All whiche were redelivered to him agayne and not put in booke, &c. per W. W[ilmer].

Wensday, the last of Aprill, 1628. Coram Willelmo Iremonger, *Majore*.

Willyam Sedburye } then sworne searchers and sealers of
John Myles } leather.

[p. 301.] 26° Aprilis, 1628. Coram Willelmo Iremonger, *Majore*, Frauncis[co] Knolles [et] Thoma Vachell, Militibus.

The examinacion of Anthony Cherrey.

Saith he hath dwelt in Readinge x or xij yeares and there lived by the trade of a clothworker, and uppon Saturdaye night

* Marked as absent.

about xiiij dayes past in the company of John Cheyney and one Thomas Wright of Tilehurst, and in Tilehurst they tooke 3 lambes, killed them and brought them home in sackes, and all these 3 lambes were drest at this Examinate's house, and Cheyney had but the appurtenances of one lambe, and Frances Abrey was not in their company that night, untill breake of the daye on Sonday morning, and then he had haulf a lambe of this Examinate, and Wright had one lambe. And they tooke one of Goodman Bristowe's.

And as touching the 5 sheepskyns found in his garden and hogsty, the said Wright brought them thither to keepe the night before. And further saith he hath offended Sir Thomas Vachell for about a moneth past; he and Cheyney did steale a ram from him at the hay reeke. He never was at any feast in any of the company. They killed and paunched the ram at the Duchman's garden that John Frauncis holdeth. Comitted to Gaole.

James Bristowe cognovit se debere domino Regi *xli.* ad prosequendum. [Assises, *in margin.*]

Thursdaye, j° Maii, 1628.

Willyam Sedburye and John Myles, and Henry Osborne, searchers and sealers of leather seised 5 hides of leather of Mathewe Turnour, because they were not searched, nor sealed, nor registred. Forfeyted by themselves and considered of, &c.; and 3 hides of leather of John Joseph's, because they were not sufficiently tanned.

Richard Holmes John Bartlett Gilbert Brackston Thomas Richardson Thomas Aldworth William Goodale	Tryers sworne to trye that leather, &c., and they uppon their oathes doe saye that all the 3 hides are not sufficiently tanned, and are of the value of xv*s.*, whiche is forfeyted, and by the statute to be devided into 3 partes, as the statute directeth. The hides were apoynted to be better tanned.

5*s.* paid the searchers, 3*s.* 4*d.* to Widow Bonivent, 2*s.* 4*d.* to St. Giles', 2*s.* 4*d.* to St. Lawrence's, 2*s.* to St. Marye's.

[p. 302.] Wensdaye, 7° Maii, 1628, ac iiij^to regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter *, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus,

* Marked as absent.

Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour *, Mr. Walter Bateman *, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

John Saunders, Esq.*, John Newman *, Willyam Kendrick *, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake *, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley *, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye lettres from Mr. Saunders of my Lord Keeper's resolucion concerninge Mr. Halsteede's acquitaunce were openly read and well accepted, &c.

At this daye Thomas Phips, glover, made complaint against John Cutler his apprentice for falshood and unjust dealinge with his master; vizt., for sellinge a skyn to John Woolfe to the value of xij*d.* and keepinge the money to his owne use a yere synce, and other generall matters by suspicion.

Agreed that Thomas Fips shall receave his apprentice into his service and he shall serve iiij weekes over and above for the tyme he was absent from his service.

Edward Baker promised and gave his word for his truth, vizt. to pay Thomas Phips the value of that whiche the said apprentice shall steale from him, or doe him damage from this tyme forwardes.

At this daye informacion was geven that Edward Hall, a soldyer, hath stabbd Humfry Parker, that he is in danger of death in his howse. Per uxorem. Comitted to prison for lacke of bayle.

11° Maii, 1628. Coram Willelmo Iremonger, *Majore*, etc.

[3] Vide preantea ad 12^m Martii, 1627.

Alicia Poynter, spinster, cognovit se debere domino Regi x*li.*

Johannes Newman et Jacobus Winche, de, etc. } manuceperunt separatim sub pena v*li.*

} quod compareat ad proximam Sessionem Pacis, etc. ad respondendum ad omnia que, etc. et quod interim se bene geret, etc. et precipue versus Ricardum Cooke.

[Ad Sessionem Pacis, *in margin.*]

Alice Poynter B, Jo: Newman, James Winch.

19° Maii, 1628. Clement Smyth, a man able to worke, hath run awaye and left his wief and children to the charge of the parishe of St. Marye's in Reading: beinge taken, sent to the House of

* Marked as absent.

[3] The rest of p. 302 is crossed through.

Correccion; yet uppon request of his wife and freindes, he promisinge never to goe awaye agayne, and freely dischargeinge the Overseers of the poore of xij*d.* a weeke, formerly allowed his wief towardes her reliefe, and promisinge to allowe his wief v*s.* a weeke out of his labour hence forwardes, was discharged from the House of Correccion for this tyme.

[p. 303.] 21° Maii, 1628, ac 4° regni regis Caroli, etc. Anglie, etc.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus*, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight*, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

For the v*li.* to be lent 8 yeres with Samuell Perryn to be apprentice to William Potinger, broadwever, 8 yeres of and in St. Lawrence parishe.

Security, William Potinger { to repaye v*li.* at 8 yeres' end.

v*li.* with [*blank*] Wheeler to be apprentice to [*blank*] for 8 yeares.

At this daye question was had betwene John Cartwright, the master, and Henry Chivers, the apprentice, and uppon the hearinge of the differences, yt was ordered that the apprentice shalbe brought and delivered to this master to serve him accordinge to covenant, or ells to be sent to the House of Correccion.

Memorandum, to call John Cartwright, the smyth, to compound for his freedome.

At this daye promise towardes the byndinge of Hancocke's poore boy apprentice to Jorden, the musicion, in St. Giles' parishe, by the Overseers of the poore of the parishe, by Mr. Mayour is xx*s.*

Memorandum, at the next Quarter daye to call in question the Clothiers for wearinge and dressinge one another's cloth.

[p. 304.] Wensdaye, iiij° Junii, 1628, et iiij° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Willyam Iremonger, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus*, Mr. Roger Knight*, Mr. Christofer Turnour*, Mr. Walter Bateman*, Mr. Anthony Knight.

* Marked as absent.

John Saunders, Esq. *, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche *, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell *, George Thorne, John Blake *, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys *, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

Whereas it was intended that appeale should be made to the Lordes of his Majestie's most hon. Privey Counsell for some relief to be hade for the billetted Souldyers in Readinge, &c. it is nowe enformed that there be newe warrantes to the Deputye Lieutenantes for and concerninge those Soldyers, &c. Therefore it is nowe thought fitt that staye shalbe made of appeallinge to the Counsell untill, &c.

Quarter-daye, Fridaye, 6° Junii, 1628, ac 4° regni regis [Caroli Anglie, etc.]

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour*. Sir Edward Clerke, Knight, Mr. Thomas Turnour *, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour *, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

John Saunders, Esquire *, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche *, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell *, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys *, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye Sir Edward Clerke delivered the rolle and extractes of the last Law-daye.

At this daye approbacion of a weekly lecture in Readinge was requested, which was not denyed, but approved of by all, but noe writinge, &c.

As touching Mr. Halstede's money it was agreed Mr. Mayour and some others shall speake with Mr. Halstede in person, it beinge affirmed he wilbe in Reading this weeke.

Memorandum, at this daye Thomas Harrison said he would geve but v*li.* per annum for the meadowe in Burghfeild; soe that meadowe is to be viewed and leased to the best advantage for the poor. Mr. Blake and Mr. Bagley to viewe.

At this day it was agreed that Goodman Paise shall have xx*s.* towardes the apparellinge of his sone Elisha, soe as he wilbe bound to repaye the money if his sonne come and trouble the Towne ag[ain ?].

* Marked as absent.

[p. 305.] 9° Junii, 1628, et 4° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour.* Sir Edward Clerke, Knight, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman *, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

John Saunders, Esq. *, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche *, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne *, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye it was thought fitt there shalbe a double watche kept in this Towne every night. And that private warninge shalbe geven to all shopkeepers that they shall not sell any matche or powder to any of the Souldyers in Towne, nor to any other for the Souldyers' use.

And that every man in the Towne provide matche, powder and shott to be ready in his house fourthwith.

[4] Christopher Grey uppon his oath doth say that Andrew Kenton did say the Constable is a base Constable and being warned to watche for himself, being there would not stay till the Company was full, and denyed to watche, and abused the Constable with many ill termes, calling the Constable a base fellowe, and would not watche, apoynt another, nor paye, &c. with other base wordes, very unseemly to be spoken. Andrew Kenton beinge called in question was required to fynd suretyes for his good behaviour which he then denyed. Comitted. [Ad proximam Sessionem Pacis, etc. *in margin.*]

Ad Sessionem Pacis proximam.
Andrew Kenton cognovit se debere domino Regi xx*li.*
Willelmus Kenton, de, etc. et Willelmus Taylour, de, etc. } manucep'. separatim pro predicto Andrea in x*li.* } quod ipse predictus Andreas compareat ad proximam Sessionem Pacis, etc. et quod interim se bene geret versus dominum Regem et cunctum populum, etc.

[Signed] Andrew Kenton, William Taylor, Wm. Stanton.

At this daye it was moved by Sir Edward Clerke that he might certifye the approbacion of the Mayour and Burgesses of the Lecture to be performed by the Ministers that had subscribed, but by

* Marked as absent. [4] This paragraph is crossed through in the MS.

a generall consent of the Company it was denyed to be in that manner brought to passe, &c.

At this day it was informed by Mr. Kendricke that Mr. Halsteed will paye noe money by or uppon lettre of attorney. And at this daye Mr. Anthony Brackston agreed to goe this weeke to Mr. Halsteed to knowe of him howe and by what meanes and when he will pay the money in Reading; it is nowe tyme to be paid.

[p. 306.] Mondaye, 16 Junii, 1628, ac 4° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter*, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

At this daye it was agreed that another taxe shalbe levyed of the inhabitantes towardes the payment of the Vitlers for their billetting Souldyers, accordinge to the former rates of and for one monethes paye, and if any deny payment to returne their names to the Deputye Lieutenantes, &c.

The Vth taxe for this service.

Wensdaye, 18 Junii, 1628.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter*, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman*, Mr. Anthony Knight.

John Saunders, Esq.*, John Newman, William Kendrick, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake*, Anthony Brackston*, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren*, John Jeninges*.

At this daye Mr. Christofer Turnour brought in and delivered in this place the quietus for the yeare Mr. Roger Knight was Mayour, formerly delivered him, and alsoe the quietus for the yere 1627, and 3° regni regis Caroli, beinge the yeare Mr. Christofer Turnour was Mayour, and these ij° quieti were left in the handes of William Wilmer and by him delyvered and layd into Cettle.

* Marked as absent.

At this daye it was agreed that the iij° bricke walls begun shall goe forwardes and be finished accordinge to th'intent, &c. as the Overseers shall direct: the walls shalbe coped with tymber . . . . wall.

Agreed alsoe that provision of freestone shalbe made for the buyldinge of the gatehouse fourthwith, as the surveyours shall direct.

Agreed alsoe that an acquittance shalbe made in Mr. Halsteede's booke for the 3500*li.*, soe as the booke be kept in the Hall untill the money be receaved.

At this daye William Mafforlyn aged [*blank*] yeares is apoynted to have the allowance of viij*d.* a weeke of Mr. Deane's guift accordinge to Mr. Deane's will.

[p. 307.] Tuesdaye, 24 Junii, 1628.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour.

John Newman, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, Arther Curtys.

At this daye it was agreed that William Wilmer and Frauncis Coxed are and shalbe aucthorized to demaund and receave the possession of Mr. Kendricke's house accordinge to covenant, &c. this daye.

17 Junii, 1628. Robert Henley of Readinge, wheelewrite, havinge marryed one Agnes Allowaye, whoe within 3 monethes after was delivered of a childe, whiche he denyeth to keepe and threatneth to run away and to leave the childe, and to take his wief with him. Required to finde sureties. Denyed, &c. Comitted to Ward.

Bargayne, 23° Septembris, 1625. Indentura data 20 Aprilis anno regni regis Caroli j° pro le purchase de W[illelmo] K[endricke]. [12°] Januarii, 1625, receyved 2850*li.*

Mondaye, 3° Junii, 1628, ac 4° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman *, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

* Marked as absent.

At this daye it was informed that the Assises shalbe holden in Readinge the iiijth of August next, and agreed that preparacion shalbe made for enterteynment of the Judges; vizt.

The Judges to be lodged at Mr. Turnour's house, as formerly, &c. (he beinge noe wayes hindered thereby.)

The Clarkes of the Assizes at Mr. Bateman's and Mr. Blake's as heretofore.

iiij^or barrells of beere.
j gallon et dim'. of sacke.
j gallon et dim'. of clarett.
j mutton.
j veale, et ij^obus Scenescallis x*s*. a peice.

Their horses to be provided for stable roome: the Judges' at Christofer Kenton's: the Clerkes of Assises' at Hinde Hedd.

At this daye it was agreed that the Constables shall paye the Victuallers for the billetting Soldiers soe farre as the money in hand will extend for the Towne, vizt. for the weeke the Towne is behinde in payment.

4° Julii, 1628. Coram predictis Willelmo Iremonger, *Majore*, et Johanne Denison, Sacre Theologie professore, partes predicte per mediacionem amicorum concordantur et quanta inter se fuit relaxata quilibet et cuilibet, etc. et quod deinceps, etc.

[p. 308.] Mondaye, 7° Julii, 1628, ac 4° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

John Saunders, Esq. *, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren *, John Jenyns.

Agreed that Mr. Kendricke shall lend suche money as shalbe needfull to be used about the brick walls and free stones at Mr. Kendricke's, &c. and to be repaid when Mr. Halsteed payeth in the money due.

The rest of this daie's busynes appeareth in the daye booke of Mr. Kendricke.

* Marked as absent.

14° Julii, 1628. Coram Willelmo Iremonger, *Majore*, etc. et Thoma Vachell, Milite.

John Godwyn of the Prickes in Tilehurst.

Saith that about All Saintes next wilbe 3 yeares he had a mare, colour grey, stollen out of his mead nere Stoken Bridge, or in Tilehurst, and after that Anthony Cherrey of Reading and one John Potter of Reading were taken in Newington nere London by Sir Francis Popham's bailey, having the said mare and a gelding of Mr. Boruding [?] in their keepinge whereuppon the said Cherrey and Potter were attached and comitted to a prison in St. John's Streete, and before the Assises the said Cherrey brast out of prison and ran awaye.

[Assises, *in margin.*] Johannes Godwyn cognovit se debere domino Regi xx*li.* ad prosequendum versus predictum Anthonium Cherrey ad proximas Assisas, etc.

[p. 309.] 14° Julii, 1628. Coram Willelmo Iremonger, *Majore*, etc. et Thoma Vachell, Milite, etc.

[Assises, *in margin.*] The examynacion of Frauncis Abrey.

Saith he was not in the company of Cherrey and Cheyney the Saturday night in whiche the lambes were stollen at Tilehurst, &c. Saith all the peices and quarters of lambe found in his house by the Constables he had and bought of Anthony Cherrey and paid for them ij*s.* Saith the cause he ran away was, because the said Cherrey willed him to shift for himself.

Assises.	Johannes Strowde de, etc. cognovit se debere domino Regi xx*li.*	ad prosequendum ad proximas Assisas versus predictos Franciscum Awbrey et Anthonium Cherrey, modo in gaola, etc.
Assises.	Jacobus Bristowe de, etc. cognovit se debere dicto domino Regi xx*li.*	

The seconde confession of Anthony Cherrey.

Saith that the said Frauncis Awbrey was in the company with the said Cherrey and Cheyney at the stealling of all the said lambes, and had his parte of them, but was not at Sir Thomas Vachell's when the ram was stollen and that Abrey and he went fourth at a back windore.

[Assises, *in margin.*] As touching his taking at Newington.

Saith he was taken at Newington, in Middlesex, in the company of one Jo. Potter uppon suspicion for havinge there in their keeping a mare and a gelding, whiche they would have sold; and being demanded howe they came by the mare and gelding, saith he mett with the said Potter at Holborne Cunditt having a mare and a gelding in his handes, and from hence being of acquayntance they went both together to Newington, in Middlesex, and there at an Inn they were attached and sent to the prison in St. John's Streete, and there hence delyvered by due order of lawe.

[p. 310.] 23° Julii, 1628. Coram Willelmo Iremonger, *Majore*, Edwardo Clerke, Milite, Johanne Saunders, armigero, Thoma Turnour.

Ad Sessionem Pacis proximam tenendam apud Abingdon.

The complaynte of Richard Cooke.

Samuell Rowse enformeth uppon his oath against Alice Poynter; that uppon Monday last Alice Poynter (amongst other naughty wordes) did call Mistris Cooke theiff, sayeing thou art a theife, &c. Super sacramenta eorum, etc.

Agnes Glasse saith that Mistris Cooke and Alice Poynter were chidinge, and Alice Poynter did saye that her husband brought capons' legges in his hawkinge bagg, and said thou art a theiffe, twise or 3 [tymes].

Eliz: Prynce.

Margarett Bussell, the wief of Richard Bussell, saith she heard her, Alice Poynter, amongest many other revilinge thinges, call Mistris Cooke theife 2 or 3 tymes.

Hester Tubbe, the wife of [*blank*] Tubbe, saith she heard her say to Mistris Cooke, thou art a theife and many other naughtye wordes.

Mary Osborne saith she heard Alice Poynter say to Mistris Cooke she never had the frenche p as, &c. . . . . Conceditur.

Postea, scilicet 26° Julii, 1628. Coram prefatis Willelmo Iremonger, *Majore*, etc.

[Ad proximam Sessionem Pacis, *in margin.*]

Alicea Poynter, spinster, cognovit se debere domino Regi . . xx*li.*
Willelmus Lowbridge de Wokingham in comitatu predicto, yeoman, et
Thomas Bucke de Wokingham predicta, yeoman, manucep'. pro ipsa Alicea separatim sub pena . . x*li.*
} quod ipsa Alicea compareat ad proximam Sessionem Pacis ad respondendum, etc. et quod interim se bene geret erga cunctum populum domini Regis, etc.

B Thomhas Bucke.

[p. 311.] Monday, 21 Julii, 1628, ac 4° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Willyam Iremonger, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Willyam Maulthus*, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

John Saunders, Esq., John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche*, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

Ad hunc diem nil factum fuit, sed quod appareat in libro Journal Magistri[5] Kendricke.

21° Julii, 1628. Coram Willelmo Iremonger, *Majore.*

Thomas Perryn, of Stacole Lane in London, leather-sellour, by vertue of warrant under the hand and seale of Sir Heneage Finche received, &c., hath attached the bodyes of William Renton and John Tisberrye, late of London, and Thomas Burche of Empingham in Rutland, chapman, not of their company, and suspecteth them for the felonious takinge from the person of Edward Beeton one white leather bagge and in it xxx*li.* in gould and silver, at Rumford in Essex.

Th'examinacion of William Renton of the Bank side in Suthwarke, a silk-twister.

Saith he there liveth by that trade and there hath lived a little while, and hath byn from London this day fourtnight, and having

* Marked as absent.

[5] Mar'gi, MS.

not byn well nor in health spent his tyme where he spent his money, and parte at Uxbridge, and uppon Saturday last he came to Reading, intending to goe to Bristowe; he came into Reading from Twiford about one of the clocke, noe man nor woman in his company: saith he was at Rumford in [Essex] upon Midsomer daye last past, noe company, intending to goe from thence towardes Ipswiche. Thomas Perryn non vult prosequi.

Causes of suspition. Divers purses cutt.

1. John Noden, late of Eckington in Darbyeshere, tallow-chandler, and Katherine his wief, travellinge towardes Ireland from London, stayed in Reading upon suspition of vagrancye for sheweinge noe certificate.

2. Thomas Burche of Empingham in comitatu Rutland, a chapman, having a wife and childe, lame and diseased, is travellinge to the Bath, hopinge to have helpe. Noe testimonyall. Suspected.

3. Jane Frauncis, the wief of Richard Frauncis, of Bristowe, shoomaker, cominge from London last Thursdaye to goe to Bristoll, with a childe, beinge to passe throughe the Towne, she came into the Markett to buy cherryes; not acquaynted with this people in her company.

[p. 312.] Mondaye, 28 Julii, 1628. Coram Willelmo Iremonger, *Majore*, etc.

The complaint of William Plommer, of Hounslowe in comitatu Middlesex, chapman, against Wilmott Dodd of Reading, spinster, uppon his oath:

Saith that uppon Saturdaye last, about ij or iij of the clocke in the afternoone, beinge in the house of Roger Pearce, a barbour, drinking in company with Thomas Higgyns and William Cowper, having in his purse betwixt xij and xiij*s*. fell a sleepe, and beinge asleepe lost his purse out of his pockett, and that money in it, and there was in company at that tyme the said Willmott Dodd, whome he chargeth with the steallinge of his purse, because her house beinge searched there was found in a boxe of hers xij*s*. v*d*. in money, and one groate of that being cropt he saith was his groate and parte of that money whiche was in his purse.

The said Willmott Dod saith she was at that tyme in the said Roger Pearce his house, and when she came thither there was the said William Plommer, Thomas Higgyns, William Cowper and

another man, a stranger, in company drinking, and they made her drinke with them, and he himself had too muche drinke, and she left him sleepinge, but she did not see his purse nor money; and the money found in her house she did earne it by her labour of divers people and kept it to buy her apparell.

30 Julii, 1628. Coram Willelmo Iremonger, generoso, *Majore*, et Nicholao Gunter, generoso.

Then William Wimpey, amongest other speaches, said he could not have justice.

At this daye Goodwife Wheler denyed the keeping of alehouse and was forbidden.

[p. 313.] Tuesdaye, 29° Julii, 1628, ac 4° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman *, Mr. Anthony Knight.

John Saunders, Esq., John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell *, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston *, Arther Curtys *, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye Sir Richard Harrison sent in and delivered to the said Mayour and Burgesses a fatt bucke in parte of his love and thankes to them for their love and well wishinge to him in his eleccion to be Knight for the shiere at Abingdon for the last Parliament: geven, x*s*. to the bringer, x*s*. for the keeper.

Agreed to be spent the next daye at the [6] George. Mr. Winche, Mr. Bent, Mr. Burren and Mr. Bagley apoynted stewardes to provide dyett for the Company that shalbe at the spending at the George.

Mondaye, 18° Augusti, 1628, annoque regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc. iiij^to^.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

* Marked as absent. [6] Same taverne, *crossed through here*.

John Saunders, Esq*., John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake *, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys *, John Bagley *, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye Symon Dye and Andrewe Bourman, in the behaulf of themselves and others, exhibited a peticion concerning the hinderaunce of the passage of barges and boates at the Ort bridge, to and from the High bridge, sett uppe under the Ort bridge by Sir Frauncis Knolles. Referd to be well advised therein, &c.

24° Augusti, 1628.

William Simpson, basketmaker, borne at Watleton [?], was taken vagrant in Readinge, affirminge he was a souldyer, but at this tyme under noe comaund, and havinge a snapsacke, &c. disordered himself in Readinge, &c.

James Nayler pretendinge himself a souldyer in the Isle of Rees, taken by the watchmen Saturday night, and vagrant and disorderly Sondaye, 24° Augusti. Both sent to the House of C[orreccion].

[p. 314.] Fridaye, 22° Augusti, 1628. Coram Willelmo Iremonger, *Majore.*

Willyam Ember of Readinge, laborer, saith that on Friday night, the xvth of this August, about xij of the clocke in the night, William Conway was stood uppon the Ort bridge and his wief at or nere the dore of the dwellinge house of this Examinate, there were certen men in a boate under the Ort bridge, heweinge the piles with ij axes or hatchettes; the names of those men and the number of them were unknowne to this Examinate; and this Examinate demaunded of them what they did there and why they did choppe and hewe the bridge. Then the said Conwaye aunswered, he would doe noe more but what he would aunswere, and bid this Examinate keepe his house if he were well.

Willelmus Ember cognovit se debere domino Regi *xli.* quod compareat ad proximam Sessionem Pacis ad prosequendum et dandum in evidenciam.

James Middleton of Tilehurst, husbandman, saith that he and his sonne Thomas Middleton did both lodge that night in Willyam Ember's house and did heare and see all that the said William

* Marked as absent.

Ember hath said of the said Conwaye, and the hewinge of the Bridge; and over and besides saith that there was a light in the boate, for he and his sonne did see it, and further that the said Conway and his wief did will the hewers of the piles to laye on lustily and feare nothinge, for they would beare them out.

And the said Thomas Middleton saith that the light was in a darke lanthorne in the boate.

Willelmus Conwaye cognovit se debere domino Regi xl*li.*
Simon Dye de Readinge predicta, yeoman, et
Andreas Bourman de Readinge predicta, yeoman, manuceperunt pro ipsis separatim sub pena xx*li.*
} quod predicti Willelmus et Margareta compareant ad proximam Sessionem Pacis ad respondendum ad omnia que, etc. et quod interim se bene gerent, etc.

Symon Dee, Willelmus Conway [*his mark*], Andreas Borman.

Non noscunt partes qui, etc. . . . . .

[p. 315.] Mondaye, 25° Augusti, 1628[7].

Mr. Willyam Iremonger, *Mayour.* Sir Edward Clerke, Knight, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus *, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight *, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman *, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

John Saunders, Esq *., John Newman *, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell *, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys *, John Bagley *, Richard Burren, John Jenyns *.

At this daye it was agreed that a taxe shalbe made for 12*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.* being a third parte of 37*li.* laid out by Mr. Mayour for the passage of Souldyers by portentes from Comissioners, and that the other 2 partes shalbe lent by this Company rateably untill the Deputy Lieutenantes shall pay those moneys, &c.

Memorandum, to be agayne in question Mondaye next.

[p. 316.] Eleccion daye; Mondaye, j° Septembris, 1628, ac 4° regni regis Caroli.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour.* Sir Edward Clerke, Knight, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus,

[7] 1608, MS. * Marked as absent.

Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Secondarye Burgesses.

John Saunders, Esq.*, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell*, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye the said Mayour and Capitall Burgesses by direccions of theire Chartre did nomynate and apoynt 3 of the said Capitall Burgesses to sitt in eleccion for one of those 3 to be elected Mayour for the next yeare, as by their Chartre is required.

vizt. 1. Mr. Nicholas Gunter IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII [19].

2. Mr. Walter Bateman.

3. Mr. Thomas Turnour.

Mr. Gunter elected.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII [18].

Mr. Walter Bateman.

Mr. Thomas Turnour.

Whereas Mr. Mayour hath laid out of his purse 37*li.* 10*d.* in dyett, lodgeinge and passing divers companyes of Souldyers by potent as they came in and throughe this Towne, nowe it is agreed that the Company will attend Mr. Mayour to the Deputy Lieutenantes, and if satisfaccion thereof come not by and from them within one fortnight that then this Company are pleased every man to beare and paie his parte thereof ratably untill it shalbe had agayne from the Cuntry and Towne, &c.

[p. 317.] Tuesdaye, 2° Septembris, 1628, post meridiem.

[8] Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour.* Sir Edward Clerke, Knight, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, elect, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman*, Mr. Anthony Knight*.

John Saunders, Esq*., John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche*, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell*, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley*, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

* Marked as absent.

[8] The first five names have a *p* [=paid ?] against them, the rest a x, except John Blake '3,' and A. Brackston and R. Burren '4' each.

At this daye it was moved that some provision should be made for the dyett of the Lecturer every Tuesday soe longe as the Lecture shall holde in Readinge. And it was then agreed that he shall have ij*s.* vj*d.* a daye every Lecture daye paid unto him, or to him that shall provide his dyett. And it shalbe raised of this Companye after the rate of vj*d.* a moneth, and every man shall paye from tyme to tyme a monethe's pay before hand, and to th'end it shall take effect and holde to th'end the Companye present have paid their vj*d.* a peice, whiche is just ix*s.*

[p. 318.] Fridaye, 5° Septembris, 1628.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour.* Sir Edward Clerke, Knight, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, elect, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, *se retraxit*, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

John Saunders, Esq., John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren *, John Jenyns.

At this daye the stocke of money, vizt. 3600*li.* of Mr. Kendricke's, was setled as by that booke appeareth.

Mondaye, 8° Septembris, 1628, ac 4° regni regis Caroli.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour.* Sir Edward Clerke, Knight, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, elect, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, absent, Mr. William Maulthus, absent, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

John Saunders, Esq *., John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche *, Robert Bent, William Brackston *, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake *, Anthony Brackston *, Arther Curtys, John Bagley *, Richard Burren, John Jenyns *.

Agreed that 20*s.* shalbe geven the Master of the Chambres for his shewe gratis to the Company and their wyves and freindes.

[p. 319.] Fridaye, 12° Septembris, 1628.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour.* Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mayour elect, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. William

* Marked as absent.

Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman *, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

John Saunders, Esq. *, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake *, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys *, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye the busynes handled was onely concerninge Mr. Kendricke's busynes, savinge the confirmacion of the taxe for the thirdes of the potent money.

23° Septembris, 1628. Coram Willelmo Iremonger, *Majore*, etc. Informatus fuit per Henricum Hurley et alios.

Robertus Stevens, senior, his legg is broken by the tumblinge downe of a packe of wooll out of the Woolhall, he beinge upon or by the stayres at the foote of the stayres about his necessary busynes.

And it is informed that Ananias Collingwood and John Collingwood did tumble downe the packe.

[Assise proxime, *in margin.*] Ananias Collingwood cognovit se debere xl*li.*		quod ipse compareat ad proximas Assisas ad respondendum ad omnia, etc.
Ricardus Collingwood de Woodstocke et Willelmus Newton de Readinge	manucep'. pro ipso sub pena separatim xx*li.*	

Ita est per W. W[ilmer].

Memorandum, to attache John Collingwoodd.

[p. 320.] Quarter daye, Fridaye, 19° Septembris, 1628, et 4° regni regis Caroli.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour*. Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mayour elect, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Anthony Knight, Mr. Walter Bateman.

John Saunders, Esq., John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne *, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

* Marked as absent.

Elizabeth Whitton is to produce further testimoney of her 7 yeares' service, and the tyme of her departure, and then to leave the 40*s*. due, &c.

John Harrison came in person and affirmed her service.

As touchinge the deedes from Sir John Blagrave, it is agreed that a warrant shalbe made to seize the Coache and Horses, &c.

Lease to Mr. Dewell of the ij Stables at old Yeldhall, to hold from Michaellmas next for 99 yeres (3 lives live) at 20*s*. rent and under herryott and covenauntes, prout, etc. Brick chimneys and tilinge. But Mr. Dewell shall paye all the arrerages that he hath receaved over and above his rent he paid or answere within a [*blank*] for [*blank*] yeares past.

As touchinge the meadowe at Burfeild, the grasse shall growe and then shalbe soulde to the best advantage for the poore, and in the meane tyme Mr. Mayour elect will lend soe muche money untill, &c.

As touchinge the ij*s*. vj*d*. to the Lecturour every weeke, it was nowe agreed that ij*s*. vj*d*. for the last weeke shalbe paid to Henry Salmon, because he provided for the Lecturer, and he came not to dyett the last Tuesday.

At this daye it was agreed that 3 or 4 of the Company, vizt. Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, and John Jenyns, shalbe feoffees in trust to take securitye for the moneys that Mr. Turnour and Mr. Bye shall have.

This day fortnight warning to be geven to every man to bring in their sureties.

Robert Sawyer, a taylour { yea IIIIII [6] / noe IIIIIIIIIIIIII [14] } unlesse he procure 5 of the taylours hither to consent.

xx*s*. due to the Cofferer from Mr. Knight for Brookman's lease.

[p. 321.] Mondaye, 29° Septembris, 1628, ac 4° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour*. Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mayour elect, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman *, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

George Thorne, John Blake.

* Marked as absent.

The Constables were warned to make their accomptes of the 5 taxes they collected for billettinge Soldyers in Readinge, 1628, and to bringe in the names of those whiche have not paid the taxes or any of them, uppon Wensdaye next.

Agreed that Mr. William Maulthus shalbe paid the v*li.* due to him uppon his accomptes of expences, &c. as Mr. Roger Knight and Mr. Christofer Turnour were paid in the like case. Per le Cofferer.

And whereas Mr. Anthony Knight had in his handes 50*li.* in money of the guift of Mr. Edward Kemishe for charitable uses, at his request this daye the 50*li.* was receaved and for some causes then agreed that it shalbe conferd uppon the Hall, and disposed in and about the Hall affayres, and the Hall to be debtour in that 50*li.* to the charitable uses, and henceforwardes to paye yearly 4*li.* to charitable uses, as Mr. Kemishe's will directeth, untill the Mayour and Burgesses shall otherwise provide for the yerely mayntenaunce of iiij*li.* a yeare to that purpose by some other meanes.

[p. 322.] Fridaye, 3° Octobris, 1628, ac 4° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. William Iremonger, *Mayour.* Mr. Nicholas Gunter, elect, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman *, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

John Saunders, Esq., John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne *, John Blake *, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye 7*li.* was had and accepted of Sir John Blagrave for the deodandes due to this place by the death of [*blank*], by reason of his coache and 2 horses, &c.

And this Company shall shewe the Chartre to the Almonner, if need be. And acquitaunce shalbe made for the receipt of the 7*li.*

[Pages 323—334 are blank.]

[p. 335.] Coram Willelmo Iremonger, *Majore*, etc. 1628.

Nicholas Maye, wever, late apprentice to his father Nicholas Maye, wever, 7 annos per indenturam, admissus fuit in libertatem Burgi, etc. . . . } iij*s.* iiij*d.*

* Marked as absent.

John Beale, mercer, late apprentice to Richard Johnson, mercer, 12 yeares per indenturam, admissus fuit, etc.	iij*s.* iiij*d.*
William Turnour, clothier, late apprentice to his father, Mr. Christofer Turnour, clothier, per indenturam, admissus fuit, etc., 7 annos . . .	iij*s.* iiij*d.*
Thomas Kendricke, clothier, late apprentice to his father, Mr. William Kendricke, clothier, 7 annos per indenturam, admissus fuit, etc. . . .	iij*s.* iiij*d.*
William Gandye, clothier, late apprentice to Mr. William Kendricke, clothier, 8 yeres per indenturam, admissus fuit, etc.	iij*s.* iiij*d.*
William Turnour, clothier, late apprentice to his father, Mr. Thomas Turnour, clothier, [*blank*] yeres per indenturam, admissus fuit infra libertatem, etc. .	[iij*s.* iiij*d.*?]
Frauncis Batt, wever, late apprentice to Frauncis Terroll, wever, per indenturam, 7 ann', admissus fuit, etc.	iij*s.* iiij*d.*
Henry Tubbe, salter, late apprentice to Abraham Watlington, salter, 7 yeres per indenturam, admissus .	iij*s.* iiij*d.*
Thomas Crayford, clothier, late apprentice to Mr. Walter Bateman, clothier, 8 yeres, per indenture, admissus fuit, etc.	iij*s.* iiij*d.*
Richard Alnutt, clothier, late apprentice to Anthony Brackston, clothier, [*blank*] yeares per indenturam, admissus fuit, etc.	[iij*s.* iiij*d.*?]
Willyam Wynkles, feltmaker, late apprentice to John Kinge, feltmaker, 7 yeares per indenturam, admissus fuit, etc.	[iij*s.* iiij*d.*?]

[p. 336.] Boroughe of Readinge. Scilicet. To the Governours of the House of Correccion in and for the Boroughe of Readinge and to either of them.

You shall receave into your charge to imploye in worke A. B. whome I herewithall send unto you for vagrancye (or for disorder, prout, etc. within this Boroughe). Dated at Readinge aforesaid, 28° August, 1627.

To the Constables of [*blank*].

Theise are to will and require you, and in the Kinge's Majestie's name, straitly to charge and comand you, and either of you, that imediatly uppon the sight hereof, or uppon Monday, &c. you bringe

A. B. of Reading, laborer, before me, to answere unto suche matters of misdemenour as on his Majestie's behaulf shalbe objected against him, and hereof fayle you not at your perill. Dated, &c.

For any misdemeanour.

Theise, &c., you attache the bodyes of A. B. C., &c., and to bringe them fourthwith before me to aunswere unto suche matters of misdemeanour, as on his Majestie's behaulf shalbe objected against them, &c.

Maria Lampire, widowe, cognovit se debere domino Regi x*li.*

Abraham Paise, baker, et Ricardus[9] Terroll, senior, wever } manucep. separatim pro ipsa in v*li.*

[p. 337.] Coram Willelmo Iremonger, *Majore,* 1628.

John Hatt, shoomaker, apprentice to Richard Merrifeild, shoomaker, viij yeares per indenturam, probatum, admissus fuit in libertatem . . . } iij*s.* iiij*d.*

Christofer Whittell, flexdresser, apprentice to Abraham Watlington, xij yeares by indenture, probatum. Dies datur . . . . . }

William Tame, cowper, late apprentice to Gilbert Brewer, 8 yeares per indenture, probatum. Dies datur usque festum B. . . . . }

Samuell Godderd, bellowe-maker, late apprentice to John Tanner, bellowmaker, 7 yeres by indenture, probatum, admissus fuit, etc. . . . } iij*s.* iiij*d.*

Richard Birche, tanner, late apprentice to Edward Baker, tanner, 8 yeares per indenturam, probatum, et admissus fuit . . . . . } iij*s.* iiij*d.*

John Rumbiloe, clothier, late apprentice to William Kendricke, clothier, 9 yeres by indenture, probatum, et admissus fuit, etc. . . . . } iij*s.* iiij*d.*

Andrewe Wright, mercer, late apprentice to Mr. Roger Knight, mercer, 8 yeares per indenturam, probatum, et admissus . . . . } iij*s.* iiij*d.*

[9] Ric'm, MS.

John Wympey, wyerdrawer, . . .[1] to William Wympey, his father, 8 yeares per indenturam . [Composicion, *in margin.*] . . . }

William Applebye, wever, late apprentice to Walter Surman, 7 yeres, allocatus per indenturam . . } iij*s.* iiij*d.*

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[p. 339.] Mr. Christofer Turnour, *Mayour*, 1626.

George Curtys, broadwever, apprentice to Clement Kent 9 yeres, per indenture, approved; admissus fuit in libertatem . . . . . } iij*s.* iiij*d.*

[29 Aug. 1627, *in margin.*] Walter Densill, eldest sonne and apprentice to William Densill, clothier, seven yeares, expired at Michaellmas last, per indenture, approved per patrem; admissus fuit in libertatem . } iij*s.* iiij*d.*

[The rest of the page and page 340 are blank.]

[p. 341.] Coram Rogero Knight, *Majore*, 1626.

Steven Faithorne, by indenture dated the xxvth of Marche, 1626, and in the first yere of Kinge Charles, did put himself apprentice to Elizabeth Mason, widowe, to learne the trade of a feltmaker, whiche she useth.

He acknowledged his indenture before the said Mayour. 20 Septembris, 1626.

John Nobes, whelewright, per composicionem, admissus fuit infra libertatem . . . } 40*s.*

Henry Warner free to use the art of writing and teaching children within the libertye and not otherwise, quousque, per composicionem . . . } admissus quousque, si, etc.

Richard Breddes, carpenter, for his retayling boardes, tymber, lathes and quarters within the Boroughe . } [2]

Robert Westmerland, brickmaker, for using and selling brickes, tyles and other thinges within the Boroughe . . . . . } all referd untill another tyme.

Richard Hinde, carpenter.

Hughe Larkham, carpenter [3].

Edward London, carpenter.

William Lymboe, carpenter.

[1] late apprentice *crossed through here, and* not *written over.*

* Pages 339 – 348 (*end*) of MS. are not in chronological order.

[2] admissus fuit, *crossed through here.*

[3] Thomas Baldyn, carpenter, *crossed through here, and* non utitur *added.*

[p. 342.] Coram Rogero Knight, *Majore*, 1626.

Nathaniell Blacknoll, clothier, and clothworker, late apprentice to Mr. Walter Bye 8 yeres per indenture . . . . . admissus fuit infra libertatem, 3*s.* 4*d.*

William Blackman, a forryner taylour, not apprentice in Towne, but having taken a house in Towne.

Henry Warner, script'.

[*blank*] Foord, weaver.

William Sample, broadwever, apprentice to William Lettes, wever, 7 yeares per indenture, probatum, admissus fuit. 2° tempore. soluti Majori . 3*s.* 4*d.*

Mathewe Turnour, sadler, late apprentice to Edward Symons, sadler, xij yeres by indenture, probatum, et admissus fuit in libertatem . . 3*s.* 4*d.*

[4] Richard Lowbridge, naylour.

John Harrison, draper, late apprentice to William Stretche, draper, 7 yeres per indenturam, admissus fuit in libertatem . . . . 3*s.* 4*d.*

John Moulton, baker, late apprentice to Abraham Paise, 9 yeres per indenturam, probatum, et . admissus fuit infra libertatem, 3*s.* 4*d.*

Henry Nethercliffe, shoomaker, late apprentice to Richard Wadley, shoomaker, 7 yeres per indenturam . . . . . admissus fuit in libertatem, 3*s.* 4*d.*

Robert Creed, baker, late apprentice to Steven Webster, baker, 8 yeres per indenturam . . admissus fuit in libertatem.

Izaake Yorke[5] borne in Towne and brought uppe with clothiers till his sight fayled . . admissus fuit in libertatem ad artem textoris x*s.*

William Jackson, clothier, late apprentice to Mr. Walter Bateman, 9 yeres per indenturam, probatum . admissus fuit in libertatem, 3*s.* 4*d.*

Robert Jones, feltmaker, late apprentice to James . . . . ason, feltmaker, [*blank*] yeres . .

[4] The MS. is mutilated here.

[5] late apprentice to Frauncis Terroll 8 yeares, *crossed through here.*

[p. 343.] Coram Willelmo Maulthus, *Majore*, 1625.

Edward Allowaye, broadwever, late apprentice to Richard Bayley, broadwever, for 7 yeres, by indenture, probatus per magistrum Blake . . . } admissus.

Robert Webbe, broadwever, late apprentice to Edward Allowaye, wever, 7 yeres by indenture . }

Edward Parsons, tanner, late apprentice to Edward Baker, tanner, by indenture 8 yeares, probatum. Promised upon Friday next, vizt. 31° Septembris.

Coram Rogero Knight, *Majore*, 1626.

William Winche, wever, late apprentice to Henry Walker [*blank*] yeres per indenturam, probatum et . }

Andrewe Bowerman, victler, admissus fuit in libertatem per composicionem . . . } 3*s.* 4*d.*

Symon Cane, brewer, apprentice to Mr. Iremonger, 7 yeres per indenturam, admissus fuit in libertatem . } 3*s.* 4*d.*

Walter Fynmore, salter, apprentice to Natha-[niell Jem?]mett 9 yeres per indenturam, probatum et admissus [fuit in libertatem] . . . } 3*s.* 4*d.*

William Cruchfeild, weaver, late apprentice to Clement Kent, broadwever, 10 yeres per indenturam, [admissus in] libertatem . . . . } 3*s.* 4*d.*

Omnia soluta sunt Majori, 3*s.* 4*d.* per se et ij*s.* 6*d.* mihi.

John Baker, wever, late apprentice to John Molyns, wever, 8 yeres by indenture, admissus fuit in libertatem } 3*s.* 4*d.* debiti mihi.

Steven Lawrence, clothworker, late apprentice to John Symons (?), clothworker, 7 yeres per indenturam, approved, admissus fuit . . . . } 3*s.* 4*d.*

3[*d.*?] debiti super diem Mercurii, ill. et S. C. pandadox'.

James Hamblen, bucher, apprentice to John Hamblen, bucher, 7 yeres per indenture, admissus fuit . } 3*s.* 4*d.*

John Dan, bucher, apprentice to Richard Bagley, bucher, 7 yeres per indenture, admissus fuit . . } 3*s.* 4*d.*

Francis Hamblen, bucher, apprentice to Henry Hamblen . . . . per indenture, admissus fuit . . } [3*s.* 4]*d.*

[p. 344.] Coram Willelmo Maulthus, *Majore*, etc., 1624.

Henry Frewyn, a pewterer, borne in Reading and apprenticed in London, was allowed a freman per composicionem et solvit 4*li.* ut patet in December et September, 1624.

Thomas Cope late apprentice to William Potinger, of Readinge, broadwever, by indenture for 8 yeres, admissus fuit infra libertatem, per testimonium Willelmi Potinger, magistri.

Thomas Cope, senior, late apprentice to Richard Burren, of Reding, clothworker, clothier, for 7 yeres, probatum per Ricardum Burren, admissus fuit in libertatem Burgi.

1625.

Robert Wheeler, clothier, late apprentice to Richard Jones, clothier, by indenture 7 yeres, admissus fuit in libertatem Burgi.

William Bye, shoomaker, admissus fuit per composicionem.

Augustyne Clement, late apprentice to Jonathan Myller, paynter, by indenture for xij yeres, whereof he served 7 or 8 with the said Jonathan and the rest [with] Edward Newman, of Eaton, paynter, by the assignement of the said Jonathan made in writing and certifyed under the Towne seale of Winsor, &c., admissus fuit in libertatem istius Burgi.

John Parrett, habberdasher, late apprentice with George Wooldridge, habberdasher, ix yeres by indenture, admissus fuit infra, etc. Acknowledged by Mr. Wooldridge.

John Nashe, mercer, late apprentice to Phillippe Furn[am], mercer, for [*blank*] yeres by indenture, admissus fuit, etc.

George Cole, broadwever, late apprentice to William Dibley, broad-wever, by indenture for [*blank*] yeres. Dies datur usque ad festum Sancti Virginis proximum.

Willyam Goodale, shoomaker, late apprentice to Robert Robinson, x yeres by indenture, admissus fuit, etc. Solutum.

Richard Levyns, shoomaker, late apprentice to Richard Merrifeild, shoomaker, 7 yeres by indenture, per Ricardum Merifeild, admissus [fuit, etc.].

Frauncis Michell, for divers causes admissus fuit per Majorem.

John Webbe, clothier, late apprentice to John Pattison, clothier, for 8 yeres by indenture, expired 7 yeres past, admissus fuit.

[p. 345.[5]] Coram Roberto Maulthus, generoso *Majore*, etc., 1624, 22° regni regis Jacobi.

Willyam Mathewe, clothier, late apprentice to Mr. Thomas Turnour, clothier, 7 yeres by indenture, probatum et admissus fuit, etc.

Samuell Prynce, clothier, late apprentice to James Winche, clothier, by indenture for 7 yeres, probatum, admissus fuit, etc.

Thomas Pynnocke, shoomaker, late apprentice to Richard Blackman, shomaker, by indenture 7 yeres, admissus fuit, etc., per testem, Ricardum Blackman.

Danyell Fletcher, shoomaker.

Richard Robinson, shoomaker, late apprentice to Robert Robinson, his father, 7 yeres per indenturam, probatum, et admissus fuit infra libertatem.

John Barrett, shoomaker, late apprentice to William Mathewe, shomaker, dies datur utrique, 9 yeres per indenturam, admissus fuit in libertatem, etc.

Roger Frewyn, taylour, late apprentice to James Frewyn, taylour, 7 yeres per indenturam, admissus.

Willyam Goodale, shoomaker, admissus fuit.

[Tim]othie Banester, taylour, admissus fuit.

[Willia]m Curtys, apothecarye, late apprentice to Robert Bent, per indenturam pro x yeares, qui deservit et admissus fuit.

John Watlington, late apprentice to Richard George, apo . . . (?), pro 8 annis per indenturam, admissus fuit.

Luke Forster, late apprentice to Mr. Richard Winche, [taylor ?] . . . . yeres by indenture, admissus [fuit].

Richard Freston, late apprentice to Mr. Seickes, per indenturam, whereof he served 5 yeres and then hi . . . ., afterwardes he was bound agayne to Mr. . . . . by indenture and served him 4 yeares . . . .

Robert Stevens, late apprentice to John Mylles of Reading, mercer, 7 y[eres] per indenture, probatum et admissus fuit infra libertatem Burgi.

William Sample, weaver, late apprentice to William Lettes, per indenture 7 yeres . . .

[. . .]rd Creed, butcher, late apprentice to John Creed, bucher, per indenture 7 yeres . . .

[5] A leaf or two missing here.

[Henr?]y Creed, bucher, late apprentice to John Creed, bucher, per indenture 7 yeres . . .

[Ri]chard Cranedge, bucher, late apprentice to his father, William Cranedge, 7 yeres . . .

[6] Henry Salmon, vintner, late apprentice to Thomas . . . ter, salter.

Thomas Lawrence, late apprentice to Robert J . . ., [clo?]thier, 7 yeres . . .

Richard Alright, late apprentice to John B . . . . .

[p. 346.] Coram Willelmo Maulthus, *Majore*, 1625.

Robert Hollowaye, late apprentice to Edward Hollowaye, broadwever, by indenture seven yeres . } [iij*s*. iiij*d*.]

Thomas Aldworth, shoomaker, late apprentice to Richard Castell, shoomaker, for 7 yeres by indenture, probatum per Henry Frewyn . . . } iij*s*. iiij*d*.

Henry Clarke, cordmaker, late apprentice to John Browne, by indenture for 7 yeres and 5 yeres more in Towne . . . . . }

Dies datur usque Easter.

John Bartlett, tanner, late apprentice to William Belchamber, tanner, by indenture 7 yeres . . } iij*s*. iiij*d*.

John Barrett, shoomaker, late apprentice to William Mathewe, shoomaker, for 7 yeres by indenture, servinge the rest with Richard Foster (?), admissus fuit, etc. . } iij*s*. iiij*d*.

Roger (?) Frewyn, taylour, late apprentice to William (?) Ferrys, taylour, by indenture for 5 yeres, admissus fuit, etc. . . . . } iij*s*. iiij*d*.

. . . . . ., glover, late apprentice to John . . . . his father, glover, for 7 yeres . . . } iij*s*. iiij*d*.

George Warner, clothier, late apprentice to . . . . White, clothier, 7 yeares by indenture . . } iij*s*. iiij*d*.

Timothie Banester, taylour, late apprentice to . . . . Plommer, x yeares by indenture . . . } iij*s*. iiij*d*.

John Nashe, mercer, late apprentice to Phillip Farnam, 9 yeres by indenture, admissus, probatum fuit per patrem suum . . . . } iij*s*. iiij*d*.

[6] The MS. is much mutilated here.

Hugh . . . . ., clothier, late apprentice to Robert Terroll, [mercer or wever?] . . . yeres by indenture, admissus fuit	iij*s.* iiij*d.*
. . . . and wever, late apprentice to Clement [Kent?] . . . per indenture x yeres, tenn performed . .	iij*s.* iiij*d.*
. . . . . maker, late apprentice to Edward . . . . ter, 8 yeares by indenture	iij*s.* iiij*d.*

[p. 347.[7]] 2. Willelmus . . . . . [nuper apprenticius] Ricardo Booth, tanner, 7 annos [per indenturam, admissus] fuit in libertatem, tempore [Anthonii Knight], Majoris, vizt. Augusti, 1623.

3. Johannes Booth, tanner, nuper apprenticius Ricardo Booth, tanner, decem annos per indenturam, admissus fuit in libertatem Burgi predicti, tempore Anthonii Knight, Majoris, vizt. Augusti, 1623.

4. Thomas Duke, glover, nuper apprenticius Ricardo Joyes, glover, x annos per indenturam, admissus fuit in libertatem Burgi predicti, tempore Anthonii Knight, Majoris, vizt. Augusti, 1623.

5. Frauncis Booth, tanner, nuper apprenticius Ricardo Booth, tanner, 7 annos per indenturam, admissus fuit infra libertatem Burgi predicti, tempore Anthonii Knight, Majoris, vizt. Augusti, 1623.

Johannes Redford, glover, nuper apprenticius Johanni Evens, glover, 7 annos per indenturam, admissus fuit infra libertatem Burgi predicti, tempore Anthonii Knight, Majoris, Augusti, 1623.

John Bartlett, tanner, nuper apprenticius Willelmo Belchamber, tanner, 7 annos per indenturam, admissus fuit infra libertatem, tempore Willelmi Maulthus, Majoris, vizt. 1625.

Johannes Barrett, shoomaker, nuper apprenticius Willelmo Mathewe, shoomaker, 9 yeares per indenturam, admissus fuit infra libertatem Burgi predicti, tempore Roberti Maulthus, Majoris, vizt. 1624.

[p. 348.[7]] Richard Robinson, shoomaker, nuper apprentisius Roberto Robinson, shoomaker, 7 annos per indenturam, admissus fuit infra libertatem Burgi predicti, tempore Roberti Maulthus, Majoris, vizt. 1624.

Thomas Pynnocke, shoomaker, nuper apprentisius Richardo Blackman, shoomaker, 7 annos per indenturam, admissus fuit infra libertatem Burgi predicti, tempore Roberti Maulthus, Majoris, vizt. 1624.

[7] The MS. is mutilated here.

Willelmus Goodale, shoomaker, nuper apprentise to Robert Robinson, shoomaker, 7 annos per indenturam, admissus fuit infra libertatem Burgi predicti, tempore Roberti Maulthus, Majoris, 1624.

Richard Levyns, shoomaker, nuper apprentisius Richardo Merrifeild, shoomaker, 7 annos per indenturam, admissus fuit infra libertatem Burgi predicti, tempore Willelmi Maulthus, Majoris, 1625.

Henricus Nethercliffe, shomaker, nuper apprenticius Ricardo Wudley, shoomaker, 7 annos per indenturam, admissus fuit infra libertatem Burgi predicti, tempore Rogeri Knight, Majoris, 1626.

Mathewe Turnour, sadler, nuper apprenticius Edwardo Symons, sadler, xij annos per indenturam, admissus fuit infra libertatem Burgi predicti, tempore Rogeri Knight, Majoris, 1626.

Richard . . . . . .[8]

[9] Samuell Godderd[?], bellowmaker, nuper apprenticius Johanni Tanner, bellowmaker, 7 annos per indenturam, admissus fuit infra libertatem Burgi predicti, tempore Willelmi Iremonger, Majoris, 1628[10].

[p. 1.] . . . . [1] daye, 28 [?] Octobris, 1628, ac [iiij° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.]

Mr. [Nicho]las Gunter, *May*[*our*]. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

John Saunders, Esq.*, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, misericordia 12*d.*, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arthur Curtys, [John] Bagley, Richard Burren, [John Jeny]ns.

. . . . . .

[p. 2.] . . . . . [1] regni Regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Memorandum, provision for enterteynement [of] the strangers lecturours. . . . . .

Edward Brackston, John Creed, searchers.

Coram Nicholao Gunter, generoso, [*Majore*,] et Thoma Vachell, Milite, eodem die.

[8] A piece of the MS. torn off here. [9] Scribbled along the margin.
[10] END of MS. 'No. I.' [1] Fragment only of pages 1 and 2, which begin the MS. marked 'No. II.' * Marked as absent.

.... Nicholas Westwood and William Mathewe sworne o[ver] for the true [markinge and] workinge .... woollen broad[cloth] within this Bo[rough] and bound in x[*li.*] a peice.

At this daye Mr. Iremonger broug[ht] in the quietus for the yeare he was Mayour, vizt., from Michaellmas, 1627, untill Michaellmas, 1628, and for Mr. Christofer Turnour's yeare, which was ta[ken] furth to guide this payment.

At this daye the bond for [the payment] of 3500*li.* last had of Mr..... was delivered to ....

[p. 3.] 27 Novembris, 1628.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. William Kendricke.

At and before this daye the Towne seale for clothe, whiche John Malth[us] heretofore had, was graunted to Frauncis Blake, he paye-[inge] and allowinge to David Terro[ll] a farthinge a cloth, and free[ing] David Terroll of all charge[s] duringe their lives. And it was agreed that th[e] longest liver of them two [shall] have and enjoye the wholl[e] benefitt of the seale.

Delivered iiij^{or} seales, a hammer [and] a plate with a budgett to ....

And Mr. Alexander Blagr[ave gave] his word to save harmles of all damages and inconveny[ences] to them by the default or .... in and about the seale.

12° Novembris, 1628.

Willyam Sedburye, John Myles, sw[orne] ....

[p. 4.] [Coram Nicholao] Gunter, *Majore*, etc.

.... [com]playneth that about St. James' tide was .... [Henry] Alright, a broadcloth, colour a begger's grey, ..., mylman of Cawsam Mylls to be thickt .... George Whitehart hath stollen it.

.... Henry Alright saith that after that tyme [George Whiteh]art, a clothworker in Readinge, ... caused Lawrence Makyns to put suche .... [dre]ssinge to one Robert Valentyne, a clothworker.

.... [Whi]tehart gave to Lawrens Makyns x*s.* in .... [Ro]bert Valentyne for the dressinge of that ....

.... [Rober]t Valentyne's servant brought the same cloth .... [r]eady drest, and delivered the same cloth .... ready drest and

delivered the same cloth . . . . ce, and the said Lawrence Makyn . . . . cloth to the said George Whiteharte.

. . . . [Lawr]ens Makyns saith that George Whitehart . . . . both was burld in Newberye.

. . . . [Lawre]ns Makyns, being demaunded what . . . . of George Whitehart for his . . . . e the ordinarye dutie usually . . . . a cloth, he saith the said George . . . . him ij*s.* vj*d.*, of whiche his due was . . . .

. . . . Borford, of Reding, milman, ... milman at Burfeild Mylls 3 yeres . . . . and that Lawrens Makyns, the loder . . . . cloth of George Whiteharte's to be . . . . [this] Examinate had but ij*s.* for the mylling of that . . . . [begger']s grey colour, betwixt Easter and Whitsontide . . . . this Examinate milled the cloth and had . . . .

. . . . [Rob]ert Valentyne, clothworker, ... cloth in question betwixt Easter and Whitsontide . . . . eth and that fortnight or 3 weekes before . . . . that Lawrence Makins paid this Examinate . . . . [dres]singe of the cloth and he gave him . . . . e.

. . . . [ex]amynacion of George Whiteharte . . . . betwixt Easter and Whitsontide was . . . . a cloth, colour a begger's grey, to . . . . loder to Burfeild Mylls to be thickt . . . . s Mistris Anthony Brackston's, and that . . . . milman ij*s.* vj*d.* for the myllinge and willed . . . . th to dressinge where he would and . . . . drest, the said Lawrens brought it home . . . . Lawrens x*s.* for the dressinge thereof . . . . And beinge demaunded howe he . . . . cloth, saith he requested one Saboth . . . . to sell that cloth for him, it being unsercht and unsealed . . . . brought this Examynate viij*li.* v*s.* for the cloth . . . .

[Henricus] Alright cognovit se debere domino Regi xx*li.* ad prosequendum . . . . predictum Georgium Whitehart ad proximas Assisas . . . .

[p. 5.] [Ad Assisas, *in margin.*] Eodem die predictus Georgius Whitehart cognovit se [debere] domino Regi . . . .

Edwardus Symons de Reading predicta et

Thomas Pattison de Reading . . . . manuceperunt separatim in 20*li.* . . . .

[Signed] George Whitharte,
Edward Symonds,
Thomas P[attison].

19° Novembris, 1628. Coram Nicholao Gunter, gen[eroso, *Majore*].

[Assises, *in margin.*] Lawrens Makyns of Caversham . . . . he knoweth but onely two clothes . . . . put to myllinge at Burfeild Mylles . . . . Edward Slarke did dresse and th . . . . Robert Valentyne did dresse and for the myllinge the last George Whitehart gave this Examinate ij*s.* vj[*d.*] . . . . whiche Valentyne did dresse, and for the other he had bu[t] xij*d.* Cognovit se debere domino Regi x*li.* quod daret evidenciam [ad] proximas Assisas.

[Assises, *in margin.*] Joseph Burford, of Reading, mylman, saith that he d[id] keepe Burfeild Mylles for Mr. Kendricke and Mr. Winche of Readinge, to mylle their clothes, and duringe the ty[me] of his service, whiche was 3 or 4 yeres, he drest . . . . clothes of other men's, whiche Lawrens Makyns bro[ught] to the myll, whereof 2 of these clothes were Joh[n] Jones', 1 of George Whiteharte's whiche Edward Slarke dreste, and the other the said Lawrens brought in, but this Examinate knoweth not [whose] they were. And this Examinate saith that that c[loth] of George Whiteharte's was a beggar's grey colour, but the [other] this Examinate remembreth not, and that cloth was st . . . .

Joseph Burford cognovit se debere domino Regi x*li.* . . . .

George Whitehart saith that cloth was a . . . . cloth of his Mr. Brackston's and he delivered it to George Whitehart and it was carryed . . . .

Richard Maye saith Mr. Brack[ston] . . . . . .

p. 6.] [Mr.] Nicholas Gunter, *Mayour.* [Mr.] Thomas Turnour, [Mr.] Robert Maulthus, [Mr.] William Maulthus, [Mr.] Roger Knight, [Mr.] Christofer Turnour, [Mr.] William Iremonger.

At this daye the Hall accomptes were past for the yere. Mr. William Iremonger was Mayour, vizt. from Michaellmas, 1627, untill Michaellmas, 1628, by George Thorne, cofferer, vizt :

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
The wholle charge, as by particulers appereth .	233	12	11
Paid in parte of the ordinary paymentes in that yere	90	15	4
Paid in extraordinarye paymentes in that yere .	127	11	3
More allowed the Burges[es] . . .	002	00	0
More in arrears to Richard Atwater . . .	001	06	8
Summa totalis solucionum, 221. 13. 3.	221	13	3

	li.	s.	d.
Whiche beinge deducted there remayneth to the next Cofferer towardes the payment of the Hall debtes —abate the 19*s.* 8*d.* for arrears miscast . .	11	0	0
The Hall oweth for Mr. Kemish his stocke whiche paid Mr. Iremonger	50*li.*		
And to Mr. K. accomptes whiche paid Mr. Christofer Turnour	40*li.*		
John Blake, cofferer, and Anthony Brackston.	90*li.*		

[p. 7.] 19° Novembris, 1628, et iiij^to regni regis Caroli [Anglie, etc.]

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman*, Mr. Anthony Knight*.

Rece[ived] . . . . . .

Charge . . . . . .

Ordinary . . . . in this year . . . . but the Cofferer . . . . soe the Hall . . . .

Ordinarye . . . . . .

Extraordinarye . . . . with the debt . . . . the Cofferer . . . . the Burgesses . . . . and 1. 6. 8. of a . . . .

S . . . . towardes the . . . . whiche is 90*li.* . . . . Of whiche the . . . . this instant . . . . soe when . . . . then the . . . . to be ch[arged ?] . . . . towardes . . . .

Paid . . . . . .

[p. 8.] [Coram Nicholao] Gunter, generoso, *Majore*, etc.

. . . . [Richard Randoll, ser]vant to Sir Robert Cooke, Knight, saith that . . . . t last past, beinge the 24th of this . . . . [Robe]rt Cooke's house at Stanwell in comitatu . . . . persones unknowne, and there hence . . . . d awaye divers parcells of lynnen . . . . s cupbord clothes, shirtes, smockes . . . . many other lynnen thinges belonging . . . . . men.

. . . . as Bateman, constable, makinge searche . . . . found in the house of Old Streete in Reading . . . . of lynnen, fowle and uncleane with severall markes, unfitt for suche persones to have in

* Marked as absent.

. . . . use, vizt., one wholle sheete, one other sheete, ... peeces, one diaper tablecloth marked with R. and C. . . . . ge fowle cloth marked with E. and B.

The examynacion of Jone Strete, the wief of Robert Streete, ... she bought all those parcells of lynnen of Goodwife . . . . yesterday, being Thursdaye, for whiche sheete this Examinate . . . . *s.* iiij*d.*, and for the other sheete, ript in two, she paid . . . . [th]is Examinate ript the broken sheete herselfe, and for the . . . . old shirte she paid xviij*d.*, and for the diaper towell . . . . paid nothinge. Beinge demaunded where she laid . . . . [th]inges, saith in her bed, which she did for feare, and . . . . husband is not acquaynted with this busynes, and . . . . en shirte, she saith she thinketh she lost it by the waye, ... Goodwife Dorety meeting her in the streete told her the . . . . suche . . . . to see.

The confession of Jane Monke, alias Dorey, the wife of Robert Monke, alias Dorey . . . .

[Saith] that Goodwife Streete and this Examinate mett in . . . . there she made it knowne there was a . . . . . and some lynnen thinges to sell at her house yesterday . . . . and saith that Goodwief Streete had those . . . . thi[nges] of that younge fellowe called Robert . . . at Farnham, whiche fellowe came to her house . . . . about ten of the clocke, whoe stayde there . . . . iij of the clocke in the after-noone and . . . . [th]ere came noebody with him . . . . thinges about him, neither . . . . [n]either did he bringe any other goodes . . . . [a]way with him.

[The] confession of Katherine Moore, [the] grandchild to Goodwife Dorey.

Saith . . . . Goodwife Streete was at and in her grandmother's [house ?] . . . . ninge and that she did see noe man . . . .

[p. 9.] Eodem die. Th'ex[aminacion of] . . . . whoe saith he can say nothinge to the matter in question.

[Assise proxime, *in margin.*] Eodem die. Memorandum, Richard Randell cognovit se debere domino Regi . . . . ad prosequendum ad proximas Assisas versus predictam Jonam S[treete] et Janam Dorey.

[Signed] Richard Randell.

Thomasin Alnutt, the wife of William Alnutt, of Readinge, in com. Berkes, bargeman.

Saith that yesterday morninge, beinge Thursday morninge, abo[ut] viij of the clocke, she did see old Goodwife Streete carry

a parcell of lynnen hom[2] to her house, and that she hid that lynnen at old Goodwife Dorye's. And that this daye, beinge Fridaye, this Complainant did see [the] wenche that Goodwife Dorey keepeth carry a paire [of] sheetes in a blewe aperne from the old woman's house, towardes Andrew Kenton's, but whether she went in it, yea or noe, this Complainant cannot well tell. And this Examinate being at Rowland Preston's the [same] night, one Richard West, dwellinge with John Jorden, bro[ught] a wholle table cloth of a good length somewh[ere] as it came from the table, for the said Rowland . . . . out to make inner lyninges for ij pare of breech[es].

Elizabeth Streete, the wife of Thomas [Streete].

Saith that Goodwife Dorey, uppon Thursday morninge last, about viij of the clocke, brought to this Examinate's house one paire of houshold sheetes and offred them to sell to this Examinate. She bought them of her for 7*s.*, whereof this Examinate [paid] her vj*s.* and rested xij*d.* to paye. And uppon Friday morninge, whiche was yesterday[e], the said Goodwife Dorey brought another paire [of] sheetes, one smocke, one diaper table-cloth and a lace ruffe band of a gentleman ; and of theise thinges [this] Examinate bought onely the smocke, for whiche she paid ij*s.* vj*d.*, and what became of the rest this Examinate knoweth not, for Dorey's wief carryed it awaye.

[Assises, *in margin.*] Thomas Streete cognovit se debere domino Regi . . . . that Elizabeth his wief shall geve evidence against Goodwife Dorey at the next Assises.

Memorandum, Johannem Strete, etc., et Thomam Streete manucepi separatim in xx*li.* quod Joanna Streete, uxor Roberti Streete, compareat ad proximas Assisas et daret in evidenciam versus Janam Dorey.

[Signed] John Streete [*his mark*]
Thomas Streete [*his mark*]

[p. 10.] Amye [Stre]te, the [wife] of John Strete.

Saith that uppon Thursday morninge last past, about 7 of the clocke, at Goodwife Dorey's house, she bought of Goodwief Dorey a paire of houshold sheetes and an aperne of callico, and this Examinate paid for them 7*s.* and promised to paye xij*d.* more, and that Goodwief Dorey came to this Examinate's house and told her she had suche thinges to sell.

[2] whom, MS.

John Streete cognovit se debere domino Regi x*li.* quod ipsa Amye compareat ad proximas Assisas ad dandum in evidenciam versus Janam Dorey, etc.

. . . . Decembris, 1628.

Elizabeth Cane, the wife of John Cane.

Saith that uppon Wensdaye last, about 3 of the clocke in the after-noone, Goodwief Dorey requested this Examinate to borowe some money uppon some lynnen, and then she went to Goodwife Dorey's house and receaved of her one coarse sheete and ij diaper clothes, called drinking clothes, and seeinge she could not gett money uppon them, shee presently returned and brought the same clothes backe agayne and laid them uppon the board in Goodwife Dorey's house, and there was one man, a stranger, in a red wascote, whiche sat at the board and said she need not feare any thinge, for they were not stollen and were worth 13*s.* 4*d.* in money, and that she had noe other goodes of her.

Memorandum, quod Johannes Cane, senior, et Johannes Cane, junior, cognoverunt separatim debere domino Regi x*li.* per se, quod predicta Elizabetha compareat ad proximas Assisas ad dandum in evidenciam versus Janam Dorey, etc.

Memorandum, B [*blank*], Lake's boye, to be examined, and Katherine Moore.

Katherine Moore, aged xij yeares, or thereaboutes.

Saith that the man in the red wascote [was] at her grandmother's house, uppon Thursday last, his name is Robert Mindgeham, and he said he came from Farnham from her husband, and that the woman nowe in the Counter was at her grandmother's house uppon Thursdaye last, when that man Robert Mindgeham was there, and that the same woman and the said Mindgeham's wief were both at her grandmother's house at the last faire daye, with a childe of the said Mindgeham's, but the man nowe in Counter, the husband of the woman, was never there, but there was a boye with Robert Mindgeham upon Thursday last, whiche had a blewishe coate; his name was Thomas.

[p. 11.] 3° Decembris, 1628.

Mr. Mayour delivered to Richard Randoll, for the use of his master, Sir Robert Cooke, Knight, all theise parcells of lynnen hereunder named, beinge parte of the lynnen late stollen from him and

found in Read[ing], vizt., 5 paire of sheetes, 2 diaper tableclothes, 1 towell made into a wallett, 1 hand towell, 2 white coifes, 1 smocke, 1 callico aperne, 1 fallinge bond, 1 little callico aperne, 5 ragged peecis, 1 ruffe band laced, 1 paire of boote hose.

[p. 12.] 3° Decembris, 1628, ac 4° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus *, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

At this daye it was agreed that Mr. Anthony Mason and John Curtys shall bothe be sworne Attornyes in this court when they shall attende.

Robert Blacknoll shalbe one of the ale-tasters of this Borough.

[p. 13.] 9° die Decembris, 1628. Coram Nicholao Gunter, generoso, *Majore*, et Jo[hanne] Saunders, armigero, et Thoma Turnour.

Henry Walker, wever, saith that the goodes whiche he [did] wronge his master William Kendricke in, was in the deteyning [of] his goodes, vizt., yarne delivered him to weave into c[loth] to the value of 40*li.*, for whiche he hath made him satisfaction.

Mr. Kendricke, beinge convented, saith he will not charge the said Walker with felonye, for he hath not stollen any thinge from him, but deteyned certen yarne from him, whiche he delivered him to weave into cloth, beinge his wever and workman dwellinge out of his house, but will take another course with him.

Eodem die, John Nobes, beinge warned to be an officer at Michaellmas, departed in contempt, &c., and afterwardes, beinge agay[n] warned or requested to come to attend, gave ill aunsweres and said he would not come. Remitted.

p. 14. [. . . he . . . . ge . . *in margin.*] Quarter-daye begun on the next page, of whiche daye's busynes this followeinge is parte, and before all the Companye this was questioned.

Memorandum, at this daye it was made knowne to this Companye by Mr. Willyam Iremonger that, whereas in the monethes of January, February and Marche last past, by reason of the dislodginge

* Marked as absent.

and removinge of divers companyes of Souldiers billetted in the westerne partes, and by his Majestie's Comissioners then sent and required to be billatted in Kent, Surrey, Sussex, Buckes and other the East partes, as their portentes directed, passinge thoroughe this Corporacion, and most of them lodging there, he, being then Mayour, was constrayned, with all expedition, from tyme to tyme, to disburse and paye in money for their diett, lodging and conduct, after the rate of viij*d.* a man, and for horse hire, cartes and cariages, aswell of their sicke Souldiers as of their armours, municion and other baggage, to suche places as their portentes directed, to the value of 37*li.* and upwardes, havinge promise of the Deputie Lieutenantes for repayment of two proporcionable partes thereof by the cuntrie; and for the leavieinge of the third parte of the said charges, beinge the proporcionable parte of suche charges whiche this Corporacion in suche cases usually payeth with the cuntrie. And whereas a taxe was made uppon the inhabitantes for the raisinge of xiij*li.*, beinge nere the third parte of the said charges, there is levied but x*li.* iij*s.*, as by th'accomptes appeareth, and those of th'inhabitantes of whome the residue should be levyed respectively denye the payment thereof.

And alsoe the said Mr. Iremonger, at this daye, did shewe that by warrant from the Deputy Lieutenantes he was required to leavye after the rate of 3*li.* 10*s.* a weeke, for and towardes the charges of diett and lodgeinge of 90 Soldiers, part of Colonell Ramsey's companye, by aucthoritie then charged, to be billetted within the Borough, whiche billattinge there contynued from the xxijth of January, 1627, untill the xxvjth of July, 1628, whiche was xxvj weekes and iiij^{or} dayes, and, to beare that charges of 3*li.* 10*s.* a weeke, he made, by consent of his brethren, 5 severall taxes uppon th'inhabitantes, uppon all whiche taxes the Constables then beinge, William Stretelie and Humfry Evens, collected to the value of lxxxiiij*li.*, or thereaboutes, and paid it weekly towardes the billettinge of the Souldiers, as by their accomptes appeareth; and that of those taxes there is above viij*li.* to collect, whiche is denyed. And of those taxes some of th'inhabitantes have paid all, some have paid iiij^{or}, other some have paid iij, other some have paid but ij, and some have paid none at all. And that there is oweinge to the poore victuallers for billatting those Soldiers in Readinge above 53*li.*, of whiche the Towne oweth above viij*li.*

Memorandum, the billes of collection of all those taxes are uppon the file of Mr. Iremonger's yeare, and the billes of the names

of all those whiche are behinde and denyed payment are uppon the file of this yeare.

[p. 15.] Quarter-daye, Fridaye, 19° Decembris, 1628, et iiij^to regni regis Car[oli Anglie, etc.]

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayour*. Sir Edward Clerke, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Secondarye Burgesses.

John Saunders, Esq., John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake*, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

1. Whereas Mr. Iremonger . . . . sued to an utlawraye concerning deodands arisen within this Borough by the dea[th] of Conwaye's children by Mr. Iremonger's beeve cart, it w[as] this day agreed that order shulde [be] taken in the beginninge of the next terme, by the counsell of this place, at the charges of this Hall, and that Mr. Williamson shall solicite the cause and have his fees, and likewise for Sir John Blagrave and others.

2. Whereas certen peices of lynnen late stollen from Sir Robert Cooke, Knight, are found within this Boroughe, by pursute of hue and crye, and his servant beinge bound to prosecute the offendours in due course, &c., yt was this daye agreed that Mr. Mayour maye deliver to Sir Robert Cooke his man all tho[se] his goodes found within this libertie.

3. At this daye it was thought fitt (for divers reasons) th[at] the Lecture shalbe removed from St. Giles' Churche to o[ne] of the other Churches, and it was referd to consider[acion] of the Doctour and the other two Ministers to order it. And this Company agreed to paye towardes the charges of the Lecturer as they began.

4. Whereas a warrant from the Deputy Lieutenauntes for the collectinge of xl*s*. towardes the chardges of watchinge the beacouns at Cutchinsloe, and, uppon consideracion thereof, it was referd to have a hearinge at the Quarter Sessions next, and the Sessions to be attended, &c.

* Marked as absent.

5. As touchinge Mr. Iremonger's mocion for restitucion of parte of the potent moneys, vizt., 27*li.* by him laid out for the dyett and chardges of Souldyers passinge thoroughe this Towne (more then the x*li.* 3*s.* collected) it was referd to Sir Edward Clerke and Mr. Saunders to use their best meanes to have restitucion thereof, &c., and if they cannott prevaile to have repayment, then this Companye shall performe the former orders for that money.

Verte folium.

[p. 16.] (.....viij*d*..... Blake, *in margin.*) [Qu]arterdaye, eodem 19° Decembris, 1628.

At this daye John Pynnocke paid in xxvj*s.* viij*d.* for and in full payment of and for the deodandes of 3 paire horse and cart, and certen sackes of barley, whiche moved and was the cause of the death of a childe of one Enston's, in Castell Streete, within this Boroughe.

At this daye divers guiftes to charitable uses were distributed to the poore people in the Corporacion, vizt.,

iiij*li.* of Mr. Edward Hamblen's guift to ten poore men, vizt.,

to 4 in St. Giles' parishe
4 in St. Lawrence parishe
2 in St. Marye parishe
} viij*s.* a peice. Their names shall appeare uppon the file, if they be sent in.

iiij*li.* of Mr. Kemishe's guift to xxiiij poore housholders, vizt.,

to ix in St. Giles' parishe
to ix in St. Lawrence parishe
to vj in St. Marye's parishe
} iij*s.* iiij*d.* a peice. Their names shall alsoe appeare uppon the file, if they be brought or sent in.

xvj shirtes and smockes of Mr. James Pococke's guift were this daye apoynted to be delivered, vizt.,

iiij in St. Giles' parishe
iij in St. Marye's parishe
iij in St. Lawrence parishe, &
vj this yere to Yattendon
} delivered to the Overseers for the poore.

[Memorandum, there be many more [po]ore people [in] some of the parishes then are in the other, *in the margin.*]

24° Decembris, 1628.

Offendours by layeinge their soile at the grates by the Hallowe Brooke complained on by Nathaniel Hersey: Henry Frewyn, junior, John Wylder, Anthony Hobert, Richard George.

[p. 17.] Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayour.* Sir Edward Clerke, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. William Iremonger.

At this daye Mr. Anthony Mason and Mr. John Curtys were both sworne Attorneys in this Court and then admytted to exercise their offices accordinglye.

6° Januarii, 1628. Coram Nicholao Gunter, generoso, *Majore*, etc.

Willyam Edwardes, a hatt dresser, dwelleing in London, in Barnabye Streete, yett hath not dwelt there in theise iiij^or last yeres, saith alsoe he spent his tyme yesterdaye at the parishe of Purley where he saith he was last prest, and they gave him xij*d.* in money. A vagrante.

Eodem die. Margarett Clayton, the wief of William Clayton, governour of the Hospitall for workinge people, in Reading, saith that yesterday, beinge Twelft Eve, the said William Edwardes came to the Ospitall and enquired for one William Tubbe to drinke with him, and, upon other speaches, she had him into her house, where he tooke acquayntance of bothe the weomen there in her custody, but especially of the younger woman, called Besse Mindgha[m]; and amongest their comunicacions this informer heard him saye to the said Elizabeth that her husba[nd] Mindgham, Thomas and George, and the said William Edwardes did all lodge in Readinge the last night, beinge Sonday night, but at what house he would not name; and further did tell her that they did all keepe their Christmas at Winchester; and the said olde woman demaunded of him what apparrell they had, and he said that the said Thomas had a grey blewe horseman's coate, and the said Robert Mindgham a grene horseman's coate, and that they were nowe gone to Goodwife Molyns for their apparell they formerly left there. Sent to the House of Correccion.

[p. 18.] Eodem die. Elizabeth Mindgeham, in House of Correccion, saith that she knoweth the said William Edwardes that was yesterdaye in the Ospitall, and that she knewe him 4 yeres before she was marryed to her husband, and that he lived by travelling the cuntry and dressing of hattes in his travell; and that he told her that her husband, Robert Mindgeham, Thomas Carpenter, the boy, and George, of divers names, a man, were all in Reading uppon

Sonday night last. And [the] said Robert Mindgeham had a greenishe horseman's coate, Thomas a blewishe grey coate, and George, the other man, a blewishe jerkyn; and that they had other clothes in makinge at Oxford[3]; and that the said George had apparrell at Goodwife Molyns, in Swallowfeild, and that this Examinate never did see him the said William Edwardes since he was prest for a souldyer.

Martha Carpenter, late the wief of Thomas Carpenter, and late the wief of John Merricke, deceassed, widowe, nowe she liveth at Bewley in com. Southampton, nowe in the House of Correccion.

Saith she hath lived by her travell and sale of small wares in the counties of Southampton and Berkes theise xx yeres, and that Thomas Carpenter is her sonne, aged 17 or 18 yeres of age; and that she hath byn acquaynted with the said Robert Mindgeham theise ij or iij yeres, and that this woman, Robert Mindgeham his wieff, and the said George and [Thomas] her said sonne the last tyme she sawe them was when they parted at Hounslowe about yesterday was six weekes; and that she never did see nor knowe the said William Edwardes untill yesterday he came into the House of Correccion, nor had any acquayntance with him, neither did she beleive him untill she questioned with him of their apparell, althoughe he said they were in Towne.

[ij° tempore examined, *in margin.*] William Edwardes saith that he did understand by a Coachman (?) that suche 3 persones passed throughe this Towne uppon Sundaye last, and that about 3 weekes past they were all at the signe of the White Horse in Wallingford and lodged there ij nightes, and at that tyme they had a peice of broadcloth, with whiche they caused a taylour of Wallingford, at that tyme, to cut out 3 paire of breeches, vizt., for eache of them a paire.

[p. 19.] Wensdaye, 7° Januarii, 1628, et iiij^to regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Robert Maulthus *, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman *, Mr. Anthony Knight.

[3] or Wallingford, *crossed through here.* * Marked as absent.

At this daye John Clayton, in his owne persone, requested remission of his former abuse offered to the Company in wordes, and he was referd till Mondaye next, beinge the meetynge of all the Companye.

[40*s.*, *in margin.*] At this daye Mr. Iremonger paid in the 40*s.* formerly agreed uppon for the deodands fallen to this Corporacion by the death of a childe of Conway, killed by his horse and beere-cart. Soluti Cofferariis. And that Mr. Iremonger shall have a discharge under the seale.

Steven Langley of Stanes in com. Middlesex, clothier.

William Hulbert, Frauncis Browne, Alexander Pither juraverunt that John Harwoodde, Edward Hardye, Thomas Streete, doe keepe alehouses without licence.

Alexander Pither, Frauncis Browne juraverunt that Izaake Yorke[4], Danyell Macten doe keepe alehouses without licence.

At this daye it was agreed that Mr. John Curtys, the coroner, shall have x*s.* paid him for his fees about the inquisicion of the death of a childe of [*blank*], in St. Giles' parishe.

At this daye it was agreed that bookes of the Statutes made in every Parlyament since the vij^th^ yere of Kinge James shalbe fourthwith provided for this Hall and Company, to be kept in this Hall for the service of this Companye, &c.

[p. 20.] Mondaye, 12° Januarii, 1628, ac iiij^to^ regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Robert Maulthus *, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger *, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

John Saunders, Esq., John Newman *, William Kendrick *, Richard Winche *, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell *, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston *, Arthur Curtyce *, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns *.

At this daye it was agreed that the busynes against Langley shalbe proceeded on with effect at the charges of the Hall.

At this daye it was agreed that Mr. Bent shall have 40*s.* towardes

[4] Mathewe Deane, *is crossed through here.* * Marked as absent.

the repayringe of the plumpe and removinge and settinge up of the pillorye at the plumpe.

Giles Wake [*blank space*].

Wensdaye, 2[1] Januarii, 1628, et 4° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayour.* Sir Thomas Vachell, Knight, John Saunders, Esq., Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Robert Maulthus*, Mr. William Maulthus*, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman*, Mr. Anthony Knight.

At this daye all the unlicensed alehous-keepers were warned to appeare, but nil factum.

Wensdaye, 28° Januarii, 1628.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Robert Maulthus, [Mr.[5]] William Maulthus, [Mr.] Roger Knight, [Mr.] Christofer Turnour, [Mr. Willia]m Iremonger, [Mr. W]alter Bateman, [Mr. A]nthony Knight.

Per warrantum super filum. Towardes the charge of watchinge of the beacoun at Cutchinsloe vj*li.* is laid upon this devision, and xl*s.* of that vj*li.* is required to be levyed upon this Boroughe.

Agreed at this daye that ye 40*s.* shalbe levied of th'inhabitantes in this manner: of every musketter iiij*d.*, of every coslett vj*d.* Izaacke Yorke habere licenciam.

[p. 21.] 30 Januarii, 1628, ac iiij^to^ regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

[Assises, *in margin.*] Th'informacion of Elizabeth Mindgeham, the wief of Robert Mindgeham, late of Winchester.

Saith she did heare her husband saye that Goodman Jorden, of Readinge, Goodwife Dorye's sonne in lawe, did direct her husband to Mistris Forster's house, and that her house had byn robbed one night sooner then it was, but that the folkes in the house were upp most part of that night, and that her husband said Goodwife Dorey did sell all the lynnen that was stollen there hence, excepting xix napkyns, of whiche xvj were carryed to Hounsloe, and the other iij this Complainant hath in her keepinge.

The examinacion of John Jorden, who saith that he is wrongfully accused and never knewe nor heard of any suche matter.

* Marked as absent.

[5] The margin is torn off here.

Memorandum, Robertus Griffith cognovit se debere domino Regi xx*li.* ad prosequendum versus Johannem Jorden ad proximas Assisas.

[Assises, *in margin.*] Johannes Jorden cognovit se debere domino Regi xl*li.* . . .
Matheus Jackson et
Georgius Hambleton, wever, manuceperunt, separatim sub pena xx*li.* . . .
} quod compareat ad proximas Assisas ad respondendum ad omnia.

[Signed] Ihon irden.

Ultimo die Januarii, 1628. Coram Nicholao Gunter, generoso, *Majore.*

Thomas Willyamson, of Henley, sadler, hath taken his corporall oath that he feareth that Phillip Shiler will beate him, kill or doe him some other bodily harme. Conceditur.

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[Sessiones Pacis, *in margin.*]
Phillip Shiler cognovit se debere domino Regi x*li.*
Thomas Harrison et
Johannes Myles, manuceperunt separatim sub pena v*li.* . . .
} quod compareat ad proximam Sessionem Pacis et interim teneat pacem versus dominum Regem, etc. et precipue versus Thomam Willyamson.

[Signed] Phillip Shiler ℘, Thomas Harrysonn, John Miles [6].

2° Februarii, 1628. Ad Sessionem Pacis.

Johannes Nashe hath taken oath that Charles Breache hath threatned him.

Carolus Breache, de, etc., cognovit se debere domino Regi xl*li.*
Walterus Blagrave de Earley, generosus, et
Johannes Symons de Sonninge in comitatu Oxoniensi, yeoman, manuceperunt separatim sub pena xx*li.* . . . .
} quod ipse compareat ad proximam Sessionem Pacis ad, etc. et quod interim tene[a]t pacem erga dominum Regem et precipue erga Johannem Nashe unum constabulariorum.

[Signed] Charles Breache.

[6] Johimiles, MS.

[p. 22.] iiij° die Februarii, 1628. Coram Nicholao Gunter, generoso, *Majore.*

Willyam Meadman saith he late dwelt at Great Bedwyn and there liveth by the trade of a shoomaker and, beinge taken vagrant in Readinge, had divers parcells of goodes, lynnen and woollen, woman's apparell. Saith he had those goodes of his father dwellinge at Great Bedwyn, in satisfaccion of iij*li.* his father had of his in keepinge. This daye he saith he bought them in the waye, betwene Froxfeild and Marleboroughe. House of Correccion.

5° Februarii, 1628. Coram Nicholao Gunter, generoso, *Majore*, etc.

Elizabeth Russell, spinster, complayneth that she is with childe, begotten by William Blunden, servant to Francis Buckridge, tanner, for he hath had carnall knowledge of her bodye ..... at Peter Lane's house in Readinge, about a month before St. James' day last, makinge love to her before and promisinge her mariage, &c.

William Blunden saith it is true that he had carnall knowledge of her bodye a moneth before Michaelmas last. . . . . .

[Ad Sessionem Pacis proximam, *in margin.*]
Willelmus Blunden cognovit se debere domino Regi xx*li.* . . . .
Johannes Blunden de Shinfeild, husbandman, et Johannes Dorman de Reading separatim manuceperunt x*li.* . . . .

} quod ipse Willelmus compareat ad proximam Sessionem Pacis ad respondendum, etc.

Signum dicti Willelmi Blunden, J. B., D.

Thomas Paise promised to free him of and from the Churche officers and troubles thereof.

Postea concordantur et duxit in uxorem predictam Elizabetham.

[p. 23.] viij° Februarii, 1628. Coram Nicholao Gunter, generoso, *Majore*, etc.

Phillip Hill, dwelling in White Chappell, in com. Middlesex, a band seller, found idle in the Markett place, saith he did never see the other man till this morninge at the White Hart in Theale, and had neither wares to buy nor sell there. Noe accuser.

John Badger, of St. John's Strete, a nayler, hath wief and children there, and about Thursday was fortnight, came from thence; his father sent for him to help him sell nayles at Bristoll, his father being a nayler by trade; he came from Bristoll on Wensday last; he lodged Thursday night last at Hungerford, and Friday night at a towne x myles hence, and at Theale this morninge the said Phillip overtooke this Exa[minate] and they drunke there at the White Hart, and nowe in this Markett place found idle, havinge noe cause to buy or sell. Sent to House of Correccion.

William Wilson, of St. Mary Newington, in com. Surrey, fustian wever, and there liveth by that trade and there hath wife and children, and about fortnight past he came from London, intending to goe to Shersten in Wiltes, where he was borne, and there he was Thursday and Friday last; and the last night he lodged five or six myles hence in the company of many strangers, and the cause of his being in this Towne was to buy a shirt, but bought none and had noe company, yet was in Mr. Jeninge's shoppe to cheapen. Comitted to Counter, untill, &c.

Lewis Key, of Winckcote[7], in com. Warwicke, a chapman, and there hath house and children but noe wife, and there hath lived xx ye[res], and from thence he went to Bristoll and there stayed ij or [iij] dayes, and there sould knyves and bought callico, and came thence on Monday last; kept noe markett, but ligd at a towne ij myles on this side Newberye, and the last night ligd iiij myles of, in the company of many strangers, and about xj a clocke came to this towne, noe company, intending to goe to London, but did intend to buy a peice or ij of callico cloth. Did come into Mr. Jening's shoppe and chepend the price of divers peices of callico, and saith that he knoweth not the woman that was in company with him. Comitted to Counter, untill, &c.

Thomasin Holden, spinster, dwellinge in Charinge Crosse as a servant with John Cones, an inkeeper: she came thence two dayes past, intending to goe to Oxford to her moth[er's], but knoweth not where she lodged. She came into this towne since noone, of purpose to buy some lockram cloth, and saith she bought ij ellis of lockram in Towne and delivered it to a waterman of London to carry it home for her: his name is James Johnson. Comitted to House of Correccion.

[7] i.e. Wilnecote.

[p. 24.] 9° Februarii, 1628. Coram Nicholao Gunter, generoso, *Majore.*

Alice Wilson, the wife of William Wilson, saith her husband liveth at Newington by the trade of a fustyan wever, and they both come nowe from Sherston, where they had byn to see their freindes and kindred, and Friday night last lodged at the Blewe Anker in Theale, and, for her parte, she came from thence with a carryer and rode to Maydenhead, and there not fyndinge her husband came backe agayne to this Towne and heard of his imprisonment, and what company he came into this Towne withall she knoweth not, for she left him at Theale, and they had noe company that she knewe. They came from Newington a fortnight past.

John Key, sonne of Lewes Key, of Winkworth [*sic*] in com. Warwick, chapman, came from Bristowe, about a weeke past, where his father bought some cloth of callico, xx yardes, and intending to goe to London to his bretherne, they came into this Towne on Saturday last, noe company, and lodged 4 myles of the Friday night, because it was their way to London, and his father beinge in Towne did intend to buy more cloth, whiche was the cause of their beinge in the Markett place. Beinge demaunded whose cloke, bagg, j ruff-band fringed, j sheete, j shirte and ij remnantes of narrow callico cloth therein found, saith they are his father's. Vagrant.

Alice Badger, the wife of John Badger, of St. John's Streete in London, a nayler. She was maried to him a yere past; saith they came nowe from Bristowe, intending to goe to London in the company of ij men and a woman whome they mett at the White Hart in Theale, but had noe acquayntance with them. The cause of their goeinge to Bristowe was to helpe her husbande's father sell nayles at Bristowe. Her husbande's father dwelleth at Bromsgrove in Worcestershiere.

[p. 25.] xj° Februarii, 1628. Coram Nicholao Gu[nter, generoso, *Majore.*]

John Meadman of Great Bedwyn in com. Wilt[s], laborer, saith that William Meadman is his sonne and that all those goodes found about him are this Examinate's, and that he and his wief did geve them all to their said sonne, because he was in miserye and did lacke apparell.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayour*, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Anthony Knight.

At this daye it was agreed that Joan Merifeild shall serve William Blacknall and his wief vj yeares, he gevinge her 30*s.* and dubble apparell in th'end of vj ye[res].

13° Februarii, 1628. Coram Nicholao Gunter, generoso, *Majore*, et Thoma Turnour.

The bastard childe of Katherine Prynce was nowe in question and refer'd untill Wensdaye next to be concluded, and then it was agreed that Edward Webbe, the reputed father of the bastard, shalbe bounde to the Church Wardens and Overseers for the poore of St. Marye's parishe to paye. Not agreed at this tyme.

But the said Edward Webbe, the putative father of the bastard, for his disordered and lewd lief, was comitted to the House of Correccion, there to be employed in worke untill one of our Justices of the Quorum doe come. Vide postea.

18° Februarii, 1628. Wensdaye.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman*, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Memorandum, the High Bridge at Quarterday.

Memorandum, to raise money to amend and confirme the Chartre.

[p. 26.] 20° Februarii, 1628. Coram Nicholao Gunter, generoso, *Majore.*

The examinacion of Fillip Pryce, of Knightesbridge, nere Westminster inne, taylour, staid upon suspic[i]on, &c. Saith he hath dwelt there almost a yeare with his wief and children. Saith the cause of his cominge to this Towne was for that he, at the request of one William Wilson, of St. Giles' parishe nere Holborne, London, a cutler, was hired for 3*s.* 4*d.* to bringe 30*s.* in money to one Tomasin [*blank*], lyeinge in the House of Correccion at Readinge, for her discharge, &c. And he beinge come into Reading did goe to the House of Correccion where this Tomasyn was, and he beinge

* Marked as absent.

there, one Mistris Jenyns of the Towne came in, and, after some talke, had of this Examinate xxj*s.* of that 30*s.* for cloth unpaid, and the rest, vizt. 9*s.*, he hath in his handes. Beinge demaunded what acquayntance he hath with this Tomasin, saith he knewe her not untill about Michaellmas last, at whiche tyme he made a wascote and two coates for her by the apoyntment of her uncle, the said William Wilson. And further saith that her uncle did tell him she was a wenche that did use to sell fishe in London.

[*In the margin*:—A messenger for theeves and cutpurses was required to finde sureties to appeare, &c.]

The second examinacion of Tomasin Holden. The said Tomasin Holden saith his name that stole the cloth is John Badger, for he delivered the cloth to her and she delivered it to the said Badger's wief, and further she saith she doth knowe the said Phillip Pryce, and hath knowne him a yeare or two, and that he is a taylour by trade, livinge at Knightesbridge, and that he made a kertell and wascote for her by her uncle's apoyntment.

[p. 27.] xxv^th^ of February, 1628.

Coram Nicholao Gunter, generoso, *Majore*, etc., Thoma Vachell, Milite, Thoma Turnour, Roberto Maulthus, Willelmo Maulthus, Willelmo Iremonger, Rogero Knight, Christofero Turnour, Waltero Bateman, Anthonio Knight. 2 tempore, 4° Martii.

Recognizances for observacion of Lent, &c.

London Ward.			
Valentine Skeate	.	x*li.*	
Alexander Pither	.	v*li.*	
Daniell Martin .	.	v*li.*	
Alexander Pither	.	x*li.*	
Valentine Skeate	.	v*li.*	
Daniel Martin .	.	v*li.*	
Daniel Martin .	.	x*li.*	
Valentine Skeate	.	v*li.*	
Alexander Pither	.	v*li.*	
Roberte Gallant	.	x*li.*	
Thomas Cowdrey	.	v*li.*	
William Nethercliffe	.	v*li.*	
Thomas Cowdrey	.	.	x*li.*
Roberte Gallant	.	.	v*li.*
William Netherc[l]iffe	.	.	v*li.*
William Nethercliffe	.	.	x*li.*
Roberte Gallant	.	.	v*li.*
Thomas Cowdreye .	.	.	v*li.*
Jerom Pococke	.	.	x*li.*
Bartholmew Harrison	.	.	x*li.*
Hugo Hardway, pro Izack Treehearne	.	.	x*li.*
Henry Bird	.	.	x*li.*
Francis Thackham .	.	.	v*li.*
Thomas Streate	.	.	v*li.*

Egidius Wake	x*li.*	At this d[ay] he was lic[ensed] by consent of Sir Fra[ncis] Knollis, ..., and the license sealed by Sir Frauncis son (?).
Jerome Pocock	v*li.*	
Hugo Hardwaye	v*li.*	

Izack York	x*li.*	At this da[ye] he was licensed by consent under seale of Mr. Mayour and Sir Thomas Vachell. Richard Robinson, Henry Plommer.
Henry Bird	v*li.*	
Thomas Streate	v*li.*	

Johannes Creede .	x*li.*
Henry Creede, pro Willelmo Evered .	x*li.*
Angnes Funge . .	x*li.*
Thomas Towne . .	x*li.*
Willelmus Willmer, senior	v*li.*
Willelmus White .	v*li.*
Nathaniel Hersey .	x*li.*
Izack Rack . .	v*li.*
Robert Remham .	v*li.*

High Ward.

Ellen Bennet, vidua .	x*li.*
Willelmus Wickins .	v*li.*
Frances Thacham .	v*li.*
James Hall . .	x*li.*
Willelmus Kenton .	v*li.*
Willelmus Cooper .	v*li.*
Willelmus Kenton .	x*li.*
Willelmus Cooper .	v*li.*
James Hall . .	v*li.*
Willelmus Cooper .	x*li.*
James Hall . .	v*li.*
Willelmus Kenton .	v*li.*
Willelmus Sone .	x*li.*
Edwardus Brackstone .	v*li.*
Roberte Jaques . .	v*li.*

[p. 28.] Minster Ward.

Edwardus Androwes .	x*li.*
Richard Holmes . .	v*li.*
Edward Tayler . .	v*li.*
Richard Holmes . .	x*li.*
Edwardus Androwes .	v*li.*
Edwardus Tayler . .	v*li.*
Edwardus Tayler . .	x*li.*
Richard Holmes . .	v*li.*
Edwardus Androwes .	v*li.*
Ricardus Walker . .	x*li.*
Johannes Backhowese .	v*li.*
Johannes Piggon . .	v*li.*
Johannes Backhowse .	x*li.*
Johannes Piggon . .	v*li.*
Ricardus Walker . .	v*li.*
Johannes Piggon . .	x*li.*
Johannes Backhowse .	v*li.*
Ricardus Walker . .	v*li.*
Johannes Pinnock . .	x*li.*
Nicholaus Middleton .	v*li.*
Mathew Bond . .	v*li.*
Thomas Geerey . .	x*li.*
Mathew Jackson . .	v*li.*
Johannes Poore . .	v*li.*
Johannes Poore . .	x*li.*
Thomas Geerey . .	v*li.*
Mathew Jackson . .	v*li.*

Mathew Jackson . x*li.*
Thomas Geerey . . v*li.*
Johannes Poore . . v*li.*

Nicholas Larkham . x*li.*
Willelmus Marshall . v*li.*
Frances Thackham . v*li.*

Phillip Persey . . x*li.*
John Burren, pro Mistris Forster . v*li.*
Willelmus Wickyns . v*li.*

Ould Ward.

Johannes Greene . x*li.*
Willelmus Hulbard . v*li.*
Frances Browne . v*li.*

Willelmus Hulberd . x*li.*
Frances Browne . v*li.*
Johannes Greene . v*li.*

Frances Browne . x*li.*
Willelmus Hulberd . v*li.*
Johannes Greene . v*li.*

Henry Elkins . . x*li.*
Willelmus Hulberd . v*li.*
Frances Browne . v*li.*

Roberte Remham . x*li.*
Johannes Rumbelowe, pro Philippo Shiler . x*li.*

Thomas Streate . x*li.*
Izack Yorke, pro Roberto Legge . x*li.*

Certificati fuerunt ad proximam Sessionem Pacis in comitatu Berkes.

[p. 29.] High Ward.

Henricus Frewin . . x*li.*
Ricardus Blackman . v*li.*
Ricardus Walkér . . v*li.*

Elizabeth Baylie . . x*li.*
Georgius Nethercott . v*li.*
Henry Cleere . . v*li.*

Henry Cleere . . x*li.*
Thomas Lane . . v*li.*
Georgius Nethercott . v*li.*

Henricus Atkins . . x*li.*
Thomas Richardes . . v*li.*
Humfery Parker . . v*li.*

Humfery Parker . . x*li.*
Henricus Atkins . . v*li.*
Thomas Richardes . . v*li.*

Johannes Arther . . x*li.*
Georgius Nethercott . v*li.*
Johannes Browne . . v*li.*

Nicholaus Middleton . x*li.*
Mathew Bond . . v*li.*
Johannes Pinnock . . v*li.*

Mathew Bond . . x*li.*
Nicholaus Middleton . v*li.*
Johannes Pinnock . . v*li.*

Ricardus Reeve . . x*li.*
Johannes Johnson . . v*li.*
Symon Cane . . v*li.*

Johannes Johnson . . x*li.*
Ricardus Reeve . . v*li.*
Symon Cane . . v*li.*

Symon Cane . . x*li.*
Ricardus Reeve . . v*li.*
Johannes Johnson . . v*li.*

Thomas Skinner . xli.
Symon Cane . . vli.
James Hulberd . . vli.

Johannes Mapleton . xli.
Edwardus Strowde . vli.
Willelmus Kinge . vli.

Johannes Creede . xli.
Edwardus Creede . vli.
Henry Creede . . vli.

Edwardus Creede . xli.
Henry Creede . . vli.
Johannes Creede . vli.

Henricus Creede . xli.
Johannes Creede . vli.
Edwardus Creede . vli.

Michell Hamblin . xli.
Henry Hamblin . vli.
Ricardus Cranidge . vli.

Henry Hamblin . xli.
Michell Hamblin . vli.
Ricardus Cranidge . vli.

Ricardus Cranidge . xli.
Henry Hamblin . vli.
Michell Hamblin . vli.

Johannes Porter . xli.
Henry Hamblin . vli.
Ricardus Cranidge . vli.

Roger Symons . . xli.
Francis Hamblin . vli.
Ricardus Cranidge . vli.

Francis Hamblin . xli.
Ricardus Cranidge . vli.
Roger Symons . . vli.

Robert Spikin . . xli.
Johannes Porter . . vli.
Ricardus Cranige . . vli.

[p. 30.] [Tho]mas Hatton . xli.
[Ro]bert Wickyns . . vli.
[N]icholas Noble . . vli.

Nicholas Noble . . xli.
Thomas Hatton . . vli.
Robert Wickyns . . vli.

Nicholas Noble . . xli.
Nicholas Coplyn, pro Georgio Ward . . vli.
Thomas Hatton . . vli.

Edward Symons . . xli.
Johannes Dey . . vli.
Nicholas Noble . . vli.

Johannes Dey . . xli.
Edward Symons . . vli.
Nicholas Coplyn . . vli.

Nicholas Coplyn . . xli.
Johannes Dey . . vli.
Nicholas Noble . . vli.

Andrew Boreman . . xli.
Robert Wickyns . . vli.
Nicholas Coplyn . . vli.

Robert Creed . . xli.
Johannes Dey . . vli.
Nicholas Coplyn . . vli.

Avys Forster, vidua . xli.
Nicholas Coplyn . . vli.
Francis Thackham . . vli.

Willelmus Wickyns . xli.
Izack Wracke . . vli.
Agnes Chapman . . vli.

Izacke Wracke .	. x*li.*	James Hulberd .	. x*li.*
Willelmus Wickyns	. v*li.*	Thomas Knight .	. v*li.*
Agnes Chapman	. v*li.*	Thomas Lee .	. v*li.*
		[8] Robert Remham .	. x*li.*
New Ward.		[8] John Rumbelow, pro Philippo Shiler .	. x*li.*
Thomas Lee .	. x*li.*		
Thomas Knight.	. v*li.*	Ricardus Hind .	. x*li.*
James Hulberd .	. v*li.*	Ricardus Shawe, pro Willelmo Lymbo	. x*li.*
Thomas Knight.	. x*li.*	Bennet Baylie .	. x*li.*
James Hulbard .	. v*li.*	Frances Thackham .	. v*li.*
Thomas Lee .	. v*li.*	Ralphe Coxheadd .	. v*li.*

[p. 31.] Quarterdaye, Fridaye, 27° Februarii, 1628, et 4to Caroli, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, *egrotatus*, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Secondarye Burgesses.

John Saunders, Esq.*, John Newman, William Kendricke, *absens*, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, *absens*, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtice*, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

1. At this daye Salomon Barnard and Barton Turnour were sworne searchers and tasters of fishe, sould and offered to be sould within this Boroughe.

2. At this daye it was agreed that Henry Clere, a forreyner, keepinge the house called the Lower Shippe, shalbe admitted to use vitlinge in that house as a foreman vitler, he payeing 40*s.* fine, and procuringe a license accordinge to lawe, if, &c.

3. At this daye it was agreed that in consideracion Robert Bent and George Wooldridge shall repaire the plumpe, sett upp the pillary and paynt the tymber and oyle all the tymber stuffe, we[ll] and decently, they shall have iij*li.* paid them towardes their charges per le Cofferer.

[8] These names are crossed through. * Marked as absent.

4. At this daye John Pynnocke was admytted a freman vitler, he payeinge 30*s.* for his composicion fine.

Agreed the Highbridge shalb[e] fourthwith repayred.

As touchinge the reparacion of the old Yeldhall, it w[as] agreed that Mr. Brackst[on and] Mr. Dewell shall cause a c . . . . to be made of buchers and others, and that beinge brought in [the] Hall shall beare the rest of [the] charges to make and repaire . . . . in such manner as Mr. . . . . heretofore did it.

Memorandum, the chimneys with brick and the housinge with tile.

Memorandum, th'incrochementes were in question to be inquired of, but not agreed when [*sic*].

At this daye a lease of the ij stables at old Yeldhall, late in Mr. Newman and his owne occupacion, was granted to John Dewell, to hold from Lady-day next for 99 yeres (if 3 lives live), at 24*s.* rent, and under suche covenantes and condicions as are usuall in the Hall leases.

[p. 32.] Secundo die Martii, 1628. Coram Nicholao Gunter, generoso, *Majore* burgi de Readinge, etc.

The complaint of Joane Champe, of Mortymer, in the county[9] of Berkes, widowe.

Saith that uppon Saturdaye was senight, beinge the xxj[th] of February last, about xij a clocke in the same daye, one Margerie Pickerill, spinster, picked the locke of the doore of this Complainante's dwellinge howse, entred into her house and there hence did take one pillowbeere, one table-cloth, half a pound of blew wooll, one wrote quaife, ij crase clothes, j white fustion quaife, j handkirchew, j silke girdle, j paire of gloves, j ruffe band and other thinges belonginge to a child, j peny in money and vj pewter spoones and ij sawceres, parte of whiche thinges weare found about her at Readinge.

[Assises, *in margin.*] Joane Champe cognovit se debere domino Regi xx*li.* ad prosequendum versus predictam Margeriam Pickerill ad proximas Assisas.

The examinacion of Margerie Pickrill, spinster, taken at Reading in the county of Berkes, the secund of Marche, 1628, before Nicholas Gunter, Mayour.

Saith that about a fortnight last past she came from London into the cuntrie to see her child at Silchester, and saith that shee did

[9] Comuty (?), MS.

lodge in the howse of the said Jone Champe ij or 3 nightes, and upon Saturdaye was senight the said Joane went and carryed her childe to her neighbour's howse and then lockt her doore and shutt this Examinate into her howse; and when she was gone, she gott out of the howse and carried awaye a peice of new canvas cloth, a parcell of blew wooll, the silke girdle and the quaifes, the 2 crase clothes and all the other thinges, except the pewter and a pound of sope. Comitted to gaole.

[p. 32.] 6° Martii [10], 1628. Coram Nicholao Gunter, *Majore*, generoso.

John Barnes, of Readinge, blacksmyth, confesseth that he hath at severall tymes within six weekes past, taken from Sir Thomas Vachell, knight, iij turkyes, v hens and one cocke, thre of whiche hens he sould to John Cliffordes wife for xxj*d.*, ij hens he sold himself for xiiij*d.* and the cocke he put to keepinge to William Augustyne, and the 3 turkyes he left at Cliffordes house, one the last night and ij on Tuesdaye night last, whiche he hath backe agayne. Sent to house of correccion.

[Ad Se]ssionem Pacis. Memorandum quod Johannes Clifford cognovit se debere domino Regi x*li.*, Robertus Whitten, de Readinge, yeoman, et Thomas Smyth de Reding, bucher, manuceperunt pro predicto Johanne Clifford separatim sub pena v*li.*, quod ipse et Maria uxor ejus comparea[n]t ad proximam sessionem pacis ad respondendum ad omnia que objicientur, etc.

[Signed] Johannes Clifford [*his mark*],
Robert Witton, Thomas Smiht.

[p. 33.] 10 Martii, 1628. Coram Nicholao Gunter, generoso, *Majore*, etc.

Timothie Dikes, of Henley, clarke, complayneth that William Shottock this day fortnight was in his house in Henley, and that uppon Thursdaye followeing he had divers goodes stollen out of his house, vizt. a horseman's coate, a cloke, safegard, a hood of sage colour, certen sheetes and some gould to the value of ten poundes, more or lesse, and he suspecteth that the said William Shottocke did feloniously take and carry away theise goodes, for he hath this day found some of theise goodes in the keeping of John Chandler's wief in Reading, to whiche John Chandler the said William Shottocke is apprentice.

[10] Februarii, MS.

Assises. Timothie Dikes cognovit se debere domino Regi 40*li.* ad prosequendum ad proximas Assisas versus dictum Willelmum Shottocke.

[Signed] Timothy Dykes.

The confession of William Shottocke.

Saith it is true that he was at the said Mr. Dikes' house this day fortnight in Henley, it being Henly faire-daye, and that day his mother, beinge Mr. Dikes' wife, did deliver to this Examinate to carry to his dame the said Chandler's wief, to whome she at that tyme did lend his dame, it being a wet day, the said cloke, safegard and hoodd, and delivered it to his said dame accordingly, and he had noe other goodes or thinges out of his said Mr. Dikes' house. As to the coate Mr. Dike[s] did formerly geve [it] to this Examinate.

William Shottocke cognovit se debere domino Regi xx*li.* . . .		quod ipse compareat ad proximas Assisas ad respondendum ad omnia.
Henry Tubbe, hempdresser Obadiah Osgood, tanner	manuceperunt separatim in x*li.*	

[Signed] William Shattocke.
Henry Tubb.
Obadiah Osgood.

Memorandum, the cloke, safegard and hoodd delivered to Constable Nashe.

[p. 34.] 18 Martii, 1628. Coram Nicholao Gunter, generoso, *Majore,* etc., Thoma Vachell, Milite, et Johanne Saunders, armigero.

Mr. Mayour, Mr. Thomas Turnour *, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger *, Mr. Walter Bateman *, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

At this daye John Creed absolutely denyed to paye the xij*d.* demanded for his recognizance and will aunswere it at the Assizes or Sessions.

At this daye it was agreed that Thomas Streete shall pay 20*s.* for his former defaultes in vitling, and then shalbe licensed, and shall have licence to keepe a comon vitlinge house in Readinge.

* Marked as absent.

Richard Reve [*blank*], himself x*li.*, Richard Hinde and John Harwell; Thomas Cowdrey, himself x*li.*, Nicholas Midleton and Richard Hinde, v*li.* a peice.

At this daye the Constables complayned that all these persones, beinge vitlers, denyed to lodge suche travellinge people as the Constables required them:

John Poore, supprest and forbidden.

Mathewe Jackson, supprest and forbidden.

Richard Hancocke.

Widowe Bennett, supprest and forbidden.

James Hulbert.

Thomas Gairey, supprest and forbidden.

Thomas Gairey, James Hulberd, Robert Legg [and] Curtys did enterteyne app[re]nt[ice?], vizt. Henry Addams [?], the turkey stealer.

Memorandum, to bynd Clifforde's wife to the Sessions.

As touchinge the keepinge of the bastard childe borne in St. Mary parishe, it was by the said Nicholas Gunter, gentleman, Mayour, and Mr. John Saunders, Justice de le Peace, Esquire, with the consent of the Churchwardens and Overseers for the poore of the said parishe of St. Marye's, ordered that the putative father, (vizt.) Edward Webbe, shall hencefourth pay weekly xij*d.* the 3 first yeares, and afterwardes 8*d.* the weeke, untill the bastard shalbe of ten yeares of age (if the bastard shall live soe longe), and the said Edward Webbe to be bounde in 40*li.* to performe theise paymentes to the parishe accordingly.

Whereas Elizabeth Wheler, the wife of James Wheler, of Burghfeild, nowe prisoner in the gaole at Readinge for felony, being great with childe, is harbored in Reading, it was this daye ordered and by Sir Thomas Vachell, Knight, and John Sanders, Esquire, she was sent by warrant to the parishe of Burfeild, there to live and be as the lawe requireth. Per warrantum under their handes.

[p. 35.] 18° Martii, 1628. Coram Nicholao Gunter, generoso, *Majore*, etc., Thoma Vachell, Milite, Johanne Saunders, armigero.

John Nashe, one of the Constables, informeth that one Stevens' wief, a widowe, in Cawsam, uppon Wensday night last, lost 8 hens out of her house at Cawsam, and they killed another, and they that stole them broke the wall and bordes of her house to take them and carryed them awaye.

Ad Sessionem Pacis proximam. Walter Gilford, a taylour, late of Winsour, taken in Reading this daye, uppon suspition of and for stealinge of the 8 hens of the said Widowe Stevens, saith that he hath wrought in this towne of Readinge ever since Shrovetide last with one Frances Russell, a taylour, and lodged at Mathewe Jackson's, and uppon Thursdaye in the eveninge he was in the company of William Jemott, this examinate, and John Turnour, at the eatinge of iij or iiij^or^ hens at the said Turnour's house in Readinge. To provide sureties to appere at Sessions, and for lacke of sureties to the gaole. [To the gaole, *in margin.*]

Ad Sessionem Pacis. Mathew Jackson saith that uppon Wensday or Thursday morning last, about 4 or 5 a clocke, one [William] Jemott brought into his house haulf a dussen pultrey, and said he had them of his aunte [*blank*] at Shipla[ke], and would have had them drest, but this Examinate denyeinge the busynes, the said Jemott went his wayes, and this Examinate hath not synce seene him, but hath heard that there was a feast at one Turnour's house in Fryer Streete, with hens, but he had none of them. The like cause: bound over.

Mathew Jackson x*li.*, John Jorden v*li.*, Richard White v*li.*, quod ipse compareat ad proximam Sessionem Pacis.

John Turnour, a taylour, of Readinge, saith that uppon Thursdaye morninge last, about 8 a clocke, the said Walter Guilford did deliver to this Examinate vj hens at Mathewe Jackson's house uppon his table, affirminge that one Jemott had them of his aunt at Shiplacke and brought them thither, and this Examinate carryed them whome[1] and drest them all that night; and at the eatinge of them there was the said Jemott, Walter Guilford, the said Turnour and his wief, old Paty and his sonne: ij rosted and iiij sodd, and he thinketh j was left at Mathewe Jackson's. The like cause.

Postea, videlicet, 19° Martii, 1628.

[Ad Sessionem Pacis proximam apud Newbery, *in margin.*]	quod ipse compareat ad proximam Sessionem Pacis ad res[pondendum].
Johannes Turnour cognovit se debere domino Regi x*li.*	
Nicholas Lessen de, etc., et Robertus Harbert separatim manuceperunt pro predicto Johanne Turnour in v*li.* .	

[1] = home.

[p. 36.] 26 Martii, 1629. Coram Thoma Vachell, Milite, et Nicholao Gunter, generoso, *Majore.*

William Jemott saith that he (liveth nowe at Henley, 11° Martii) coming throughe Caversham Streete, about xij of the clocke in the night, he, hearing a cock croe, went as nere unto the place as he could gesse, pluckt of the thatche of the house and soe tooke out 6 or 7 hens and killed them and carryed them all to the house called The Harpe, in Reading, that night, and the next morning before he was upp they were all carryed awaye by one Walter Guilford, a taylour, to the house of one Turnour, where they were drest, and this Examinate was at the eating of them, in the company of Walter Guilford and John Turnour; and that night he lodged at yong Patye's. He had noe company at the taking of the hens; but Mathewe Jackson, Walter Guilford and John Turnour were all at Jackson's house the eveninge over night, and did knowe in parte of his purpose, but not the place, and he returned agayne to Jackson's house about 3 or 4 of the clocke, in the morninge, and brought the hens to Jackson's house and went to bed to the said Guilford, and the said Jackson beinge unwillinge the hens should be there drest, the said Guilford arose and called the said Turnour and he carryed the hens awaye. [Sent to gaole, *in margin.*]

Ad Sessionem Pacis. Alicea Stevens, vidua, cognovit se debere domino Regi x*li.* quod ipsa prosequatur versus ipsos ad proximam Sessionem Pacis tenendam pro Berkes.

[on p. 26.] 27° Martii, 1629. Coram Nicholao Gunter, generoso, *Majore.*

John Miles saith he was present at the controversie betwene Thomas Willyams and Phillippe Shiler, and the one was as muche in fault as the other.

[Ad Sessionem Pacis proximam, *in margin.*] Phillip Shiler toke his corporall oath that he is in feare that Thomas Willyams will beate him.

Thomas Willyams cognovit se debere domino Regi x*li.* Humfredus Parker et Mathewe Turnour manuceperunt separatim sub pena v*li.*	quod compareat ad Sessionem Pacis ad respondendum, etc., et quod interim teneat pacem domini Regis et precipue erga Johannem Shiler.

[Signed] Thomas Williamson, Mathew tornnor, H. P.

[on p. 36.] Memorandum, quod le3 Assises tente fuerunt apud Abingdon 30 die Martii, 1629.

[p. 36.] Wensdaye, j° Aprilis, 1629, et 5to regni regis Caroli, etc.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger *, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arthur Curtys *, John Bagley *, Richard Burren.

At this day the 3 maides were elected for the lott:

[1] 1 In St. Lawrence parishe, Phebe Granger.

1 In St. Giles' parishe, Mr. Dicus maide[2].

1 In St. Marie's parishe, Elizabeth Winckles, if it be proved.

At this daye it was agreed that Mr. Kendricke shall procure a sheregrinder to come to worke in this towne, and by a generall consent it is agreed that sheregrinder shall have all the worke arisinge in the house for him to doe.

[p. 37.] j° Aprilis, 1629. Coram Nicholao Gunter, *Majore.*

Agnes Mayre complayneth that she is with childe begott by Richard Sargood. Postea nuptiales inter eos.

[Ad Sessionem Pacis proximam post festum nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste, *in margin.*] Ricardus Sargood cognovit se debere domino Regi x*li.* } quod ipse compareat ad Sessionem Pacis ad respondendum ad omnia, etc., post Midsomer.

Gilbert Hawthorne, wever } manuceperunt
Willelmus Turnour, laborer } separatim v*li.*

W. T. ⅄.

[p. 38.] Good Fridaye, 3° Aprilis, 1629, ac quinto regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayour.* Sir Edward Clerke, Knight, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger *, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

* Marked as absent. [1] 2 in MS. [2] Margaret Mafforlyn, *crossed through here.*

John Saunders, Esq., John Newman, William Kendricke *, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arthur Curtys *, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

Memorandum, the 50*li.* due at Lady-daye last for the rent uppon Mr. Blagrove's lease shalbe paid by direccions of the said Mayor and Burgisses to theise [*blank*] of the kindred, vizt.

To [*blank*]

The 3 poore maide-servantes chosen, out of eache parishe one, accordinge to Mr. John Blagrave's will, to cast the lottes for the xx nobles, this daye and yeare are theise, vizt.

2. In St. Lawrence parishe, Phebe Granger, servant to George Woldridge, [*blank*] yeares and more, cast 4.

1. In St. Giles' parishe, Alice Feryman [3], servant to Mr. Dicus [4] 7 yeares and more, 6.

(Here question arose because Mafforlyn was not in present service. Vide le3 resolucions del ministers, etc., super filum.)

1. In St. Marye's parishe, Elizabeth Winkles, servant to Mr. Reeve 9 yeares at Easter, 14 ; she had the lott.

Memorandum, this is the 3 yeare sithence the maid from Southcott came to the lott.

At this daye Joseph Blagrove, according to his uncle's will, paid in the ten poundes in a new leather purse, and, by direccions of Mr. John Blagrave's will, it was by the said Mayour and Burgesses distributed as followeth, vizt.

To the poore maid by lott, the purse and .	vj*li.* xiij*s.* iiij*d.*
To lx poore weomen in St. Lawrence parishe .	xx*s.*
To lx poore weomen in St. Marie's parish .	xx*s.*
To xxiiij poore wemen in St. Giles' parish .	vj*s.*
To the Preacher in St. Lawrence parishe .	x*s.*
To the Clarke of St. Lawrence parishe .	iij*s.* iiij*d.*
To the Sexten of St. Lawrence parishe .	iij*s.* iiij*d.*
To the Junior Churchwarden there . .	iij*s.* iiij*d.*

At this daye Alexander Blagrave did not paye in the 40*li.* due for rent, nor the 20*s.*, soe at this daye there was neither bread, wine, nor beere, as was intended, &c.

Noe talke of the payment to legatees.

* Marked as absent. [3] Margaret Mafforlyn, *crossed through here.*
[4] Thomas Symons, *crossed through here.*

At this daye the iiij*li.*, accordinge to William Legge's will, was distributed to xxiiij poore housholders in this Corporacion, vizt., by the said Mayour and Burgesses:

To 8 in St. Marye's parishe.
To 8 in St. Lawrence parishe.
To 8 in St. Giles' parishe.

And at this daye alsoe the iij*li.*, accordinge to Widowe Worsley's will, was distributed to lx poore widowes, vizt.

[To] 25 in St. Giles' parishe.
[To] 25 in St. Lawrens' parishe.
[To] 10 in St. Marye's parishe.

[p. 39.] 16° Aprilis, 1629. Coram Nicholao Gunter, generoso, *Majore*, etc.

The examinacion of George Grimer, a habberdasher, taken in Reading.

Saith his name is George Grimer, dwellinge in Lond[on], in White Chapple, and there liveth as a journeyman with his father, William Grimer, a habberdasher, and hath byn from his father haulf a yere or more. And in this haulf yere last he hath byn in Gloucestershier at a towne called Tewkesberye, and there hath wrought with one William Wooddes, a habberdasher. And about Friday last he came from Tewkesbery and lodged at Cicester, and from thence to Highworth on Saturdaye, and from thence to Benson with carryers, and from Benson to Wallingford Monday night, and there at the signe of the White Horse he lodged, and the next morninge, beinge Tuesday, he went of his owne free-will to the Mayour, because his host at the White Horse had told him there was enquiry made after him, being one of them that put breeches to making. He had noe company of his acquayntance from Tewkesbery to Benson. The cause of his goeing from Benson to Wallingford was to fetche a paire of breches he left at a taylour's house in Wallingford to be made for him about Christmas last. It was a sad couler broadcloth, whiche he bought of a souldyer at Wallingford, for whiche he gave him ij*li.* of tobacco at the same house, called the White Horse. And saith that William Edwardes, a hat-dresser came into that house the next morning, and being strang[ers] one to another he staied not the drinking above ij cupps of bere; but there were iij or iiij^{or} other men at that tyme in that

house, but their names he knoweth not. And further saith that there was one Robert Webbe, as he thinketh, that did put clothes to making at that tyme at the same taylour's in Wallingford, and he bought the cloth of the same souldyer. And saith he was in Reading about a few dayes be[fore] Christmas last, but in what house and in what compa[ny] he denyeth to answere, but saith himself is called George Jacob and by other names, and that he hath heard of Robert Mindgeham, and denieth further to aunswere. Sent to the House of Correccion for vag[rancy] in Readinge. Afterwardes he was sent to gaole for suspition, and he brake the gaole and ran awaye.

[p. 40.] [5] 20 Aprilis, 1629. Coram Nicholao Gunter, generoso, *Majore*, etc.

It is complayned by William Wilkes, one of the Officers, that the last night he was called out of his bed by a wenche dwellinge with Widowe Lampire and afterwardes by Andrew Hulinge, they both affirminge that there was quarrellinge, fightinge, and murder like to be at the Widowe Lampire's house. [Ex^r, *in margin.*] And at his cominge thither he found in the said Widowe Lampire's house, James Hambleden, John Wapshott, Thomas Fipps, servant to Widowe Locke, and Frances Smyth, a baker, all roaringe and disquietinge their neighbours, quarrelling within themselves, without any candle or light, and when light was gotten the said James Hambl[ed]en still put it out, and amongest them beate, wounded and ill intreated John Dorney, . . . rste, Nicholas Lampier and John Stidman and Symon Maynard. It apeareth blood was shedd. [Omnes iiij^or ad prosequendum et ostendendum in evidenciam ad proximam Sessionem Pacis, *in margin.*]

James Hamblen cognovit se debere domino Regi x*li.* . Ricardus Bagley de, etc., et Henricus Hamblen separatim manuceperunt se debere pro ipso v*li.* . . . } quod ipse compareat coram Justiciariis ad proximam Sessionem Pacis ad respondendum ad omnia et quod interim se bene geret, etc.

[Ex^r., *in margin.*] James, Richard Bagley,
Henr. Hamblen.

[5] The whole of this page is crossed through.

Johannes Wapshott, etc., cognovit se debere domino Regi x*li.*[6] .
Joana Wapshott, vidua, et
Henricus Hamblen manuceperunt separatim pro ipso sub pena v*li.* .

quod ipse compareat coram Justiciariis ad proximam Sessionem Pacis ad respondendum ad omnia que, et interim, etc.

John Wapshott, ꝏ
Henry Hamblen, H

Thomas Fipps de, etc., tallowchandler, cognovit se debere domino Regi x*li.*
Thomas Fipps, de, etc., et
Margeria Locke, vidua, manuceperunt separatim pro ipso Thoma Fipps sub pena v*li.* . . .

quod ipse compareat ad proximam Sessionem Pacis ad respondendum ad omnia, etc., et interim se bene geret, etc.

Franciscus Smyth, baker, cognovit se debere domino Regi x*li.* . .
Willelmus Hall, de Norcott, generosus, et
Rogerus Peirce, barber, manuceperunt pro ipso Francisco separatim sub pena v*li.* . . .

quod ipse compareat ad proximam Sessionem Pacis ad respondendum ad omnia, etc., et quod interim se bene geret, etc.

Thomas, T, O,
Francis, William Hall, R.

[p. 41.] Wensdaye, 22° Aprilis, 1629, ac 5to regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayour.* Sir Edward Clerke, Knight, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight *, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

John Newman, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, George Thorne, John Dewell, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, John Bagley, John Jenyns, Richard Burren.

Supprest.

1. At this daye Thomas Gairey was agayne forbidden to keepe alehouse any longer, and he promised to keepe it noe longer, for the causes before remembred.

[6] sol', *in margin.*

* Marked as absent.

2. At this daye the Widowe Lampire was discharged from keepinge alehouse, and she promised to geve of[7] her sellinge beere.

3. John Poore, a vitler, was alsoe forbidden to vitle any longer and his licence to be taken in, &c.

Memorandum, at this day it was agreed that Danyell Blagrave shall have the 50*li.* due at Lady-daye last by the last will of Mr. John Blagrave, &c., he beinge the next that is to be paid. Soe as he geve good securitie for the havinge thereof, prout, ... etc., vizt., himself, Joseph Blagrave and Mr. John Gravett, at or before the next Quarterdaye.

At this daye it was ordered that the Cofferers shall survey the borded houses at Cunditt Close, and provide for the safe keepinge of the tymber and boardes that are yet remayninge.

At this daye it was alsoe agreed that the Cofferers shall call the Carpenters and survey the Highbridge and old Yeldhall, and fourthwith provide tymber for the buyldinge and repayringe thereof.

At this daye complaint was made by the freemen Tanners against the searchers and seallers of leather, for sealinge strangers' leather brought into this Towne with the towne seale, where they ought to seale none for strangers but uppon the faire-dayes onely. This was not aunswered but refer'd till the next quarter-daye to be aunswered by the Counsell, &c., prout le statute guideth and the Chartre allowes, &c.

[p. 42.] Wensdaye, 22° Aprilis, 1629, ac 5to regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Coram Nicholao Gunter, generoso, *Majore*, Edwardo Clerke, Milite, Thoma Turnour, Roberto Maulthus, Willelmo Maulthus, Christofero Turnour, Willelmo Iremonger, Waltero Bateman.

At this daye the Lawdaye for this Boroughe was called, &c., and, for lacke of Jurours, it was adjourned untill the 3 of June next, et quilibet juror absent[ans] in misericordia vj*s.* viij*d.*

Wensdaye, 29° Aprilis, 1629, ac 5to regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman.

At this daye Henry Osborne was sworne to be one of the searchers and seallours of leather.

[7] *for* give off *or* give up.

At this daye th'accomptes of the Overseers for the poore of all the 3 Parishes were made and the newe Overseers for the next yeare were named under seale, &c.

At this daye the goodes which were distreyned for defaultes at the Lawday, that should have byn taken of the offendours were appraised by 5 men, vizt., Samuell Johnson, John Beele, Richard Robinson, Henry Frewyn, junior, and Henry Osborne.

[p. 43.] 29 Aprilis, 1629. Coram Nicholao Gunter, generoso, *Majore.*

[Super sacramentum, *in margin.*] Jane Molyns, of Swallowfeild in com. Wiltes, widowe, saith she doth not keepe alehouse, but about St. And[rew's] tide last, the day that Mr. John Englefeild was bury[ed], two men and a boye [came], one of those ij men was called Robert Mindgeham and the other was named George Jacobb, whiche is this man nowe before Mr. Mayour, and the boye his name was Thomas Carpenter, sonne to the elder woman, and that older woman and Mindgeham's wief came with them. [Assises, *in margin.*] And before their cominge to this house there was a little fellowe called John Horne, a hatt-dresser, and his wief, came to this house, and then theise men mett altogither, and from her house they went altogither to Hundred Oke at Heckfeild. And before that tyme the said George Jacobb came to her house with two sutes of apparrell, of whiche he put of one sute of his apparrell and left it at this Examinate's house, whiche sute of apparrell was found in her house by officers and is yett remayninge at John Wigge's house in Swallowf[eild]. And this Examinate saith that she did understand that those two men and the boy came then from Goodwief Dorey's, of Readinge.

[Super sacramentum, *in margin.*] Margarett Molyns, spinster, daughter to the said Jane, saith that she doth knowe the said George Jacobbe, and that one Robert Mindgeham and a boye called Thomas Carpenter had byn at her mother's house twise or thrise, and their wives were in the House of Correccion in Reading.

Jane Molyns cognovit se debere domino Regi v*li.* . . .	ad ostendendum in evidenciam versus Georgium Jacobb.
Margarett Molyns cognovit se debere v*li.*	

[Certificatus fuit, *in margin.*] John Dawes, of Sherfeild uppon Loddon, gentleman, complayneth that uppon Friday night, St.

Andreueus Eve, his house at Sherfeild was robbed by persones unknowne, and there hence they carryed ij chestes locked, full of lynnen, x paire of sheetes, vj dussen of napkyns and many pillowberes and parcells of lynnen, and he greatly suspecteth and is perswaded this George Jacobb is one of the men that did robb his house.

John Dawes cognovit se debere domino Regi xl*li.* ad prosequendum versus Georgium Jacobbe ad proximas Assisas, etc.

[Ad Assisas proximas, *in margin.*] George Jacobb sent [to] Gaole, for he denyeth all questions that he is examyned uppon concerning the premisses and his company.

Memorandum, Sir Robert Cooke's lettre.

[p. 44.] Wensdaye, 6° Maii, 1629, ac 5 regni Regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight*, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger*, Mr. Walter Bateman*, Mr. Anthony Knight.

At this daye it was agreed that this Company shall send to the Erle of Banburye for a present at this tyme ij sugar loves of the best.

Agreed alsoe that the goodes taken for amerciamentes shalbe sould and the other amerciamentes levied.

11° Maii, 1629. Coram Nicholao Gunter, generoso, *Majore*, etc.

Anne Potter, aged ix yeres, or thereaboutes, saith that John Lewse had carnall knowledge of her body in Mr. Thackham's garden . . . . . and that once before this tyme he had carnall knowledge of her body . . . . . as they were carryeinge in wood for Mr. Thackham about [*blank*] weekes past.

[Ad Assisas proximas, *in margin.*] Willelmus Potter cognovit se debere domino Regi x*li.* quod ipse et Anna filia [compareant] ad prosequendum ad proximas Assisas.

Thomas Thackham cognovit se debere domino Regi x*li.* ad dandam evidenciam.

* Marked as absent.

[Certificatus fuit, *in margin.*] The confession of John Lewse, of Reading, laborer.

Saith that he had knowledge of the said Anne Potter her body this daye in Mr. Thackham's garden . . . . . , by her owne seekinge after me, and never at any other tyme. Committed to gaole.

15° Maii, 1629. Coram Nicholao Gunter, generoso, *Majore*, etc.

[Ad Sessionem Pacis, *in margin.*] Annys Bernard, spinster, nowe of Sanford in Berkes, complaineth that she is begotten with childe by Richard Chapman, nowe of Readinge, husbandman, and late servante with John Creede. Per Johannem Nashe, constabularium.

Radulphus Bernard, de Sanford in com. Berkes, husbandman, cognovit se debere domino Regi xx*li.* quod predicta Agneta Bernard compareat [8] ad proximam Sessionem Pacis ad prosequendum versus predictum Ricardum.

Richard Chapman, of Reading, servant to Mr. William Shorter, beinge soe accused altogither denyeth and saith he is wrongfully accused.

Memorandum, Ricardus Chapman cognovit se debere domino Regi x*li.* quod ipse compareat ad proximam Sessionem Pacis in comitatu predicto ad respondendum ad omnia que tunc versus eum objiciantur, etc.

Willelmus Reve de Wokingham in comitatu predicto, yeoman . . } manuceperunt separatim v*li.*
Ricardus Grenwoodde de Readinge, husbandman }

Signa dictorum . . . . ꝑ. W.

[p. 45.] Quarter-daye, Fridaye, 29° Maii, 1629, anno regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc., quinto.

Capitall Burgisses.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Maiour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour *, *egrotatus*, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus *, *clausus*, Mr. Roger Knight *, *misericordia*, 3*s.* 4*d.*, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

[8] compariet, MS.

* Marked as absent.

Secondarye Burgesses.

John Saunders, Esq.*, John Newman*, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston*, John Dewell*, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston*, Arthur Curtice, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns*.

1. At this daye lettres from the right honorable Erle of Banbury, in the behaulfe of Edward Godleman, a shoemaker, for his freedome, and in regard he hath served in towne divers yeres till his master dyed, and since with others in towne, he is admytted a freman of the towne to use his trade within the Borough.

2. At this day request was made by the Churchewardens of St. Lawrens' parishe for allowance towardes the making or amending of a light to St. Lawrens' Church, whiche was impayred by building the Walke. Referd till another tyme, with promise by Mr. Mayo[ur] of his best furtheraunce in that behaulf, &c.

3. At this day Thomas Lowgrove made request to have abatement of his rent, &c., and it was ref[erd] till another tyme to be considered on, and to be advised by our Counsell in that behaulf, and in the meane tyme he to pay his rent, prout, etc.

4. The complaint of the freemen Butchers exhibited a peticion, referd untill the next lawdaye, to be informed against in due course, &c.

5. At this daye Edward Bagley made request for money by him laid out about the Walke. This is referd to be considered and further advised uppon.

6. At this day it was agreed that Mr. Thomas Harrison shall have this croppe of the meades [?] at Burghfeild at 5*li.* 10*s.*, and afterwardes to have a lease thereof for xxj yeres at the same rent, payeing the ren[t] yerely at Ladye-daye at one payment, for the poore.

7. At this daye it was agreed that the undertakers Clothiers shall have 30 dayes warninge to bringe in their accomptes of the employment of their moneys in their charge.

8. At this daye it was agreed that a stranger shere-grinder sh[albe] sent for to doe the worke in Kendrick house.

Memorandum, Mr. Danyell Blagrave.

* Marked as absent.

[p. 46.] Wensdaye, 3° Junii, 1629.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayour*. Sir Edward Clerke, Knight, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Robert Maulthus *, Mr. William Maulthus *, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

Robert Bent, John Blake, Arthur Curtys, George Thorne, Anthony Brackston.

Memorandum, the undertakers Clothiers shall make their accomptes of their employmentes of the stocke of money in the Towne Hall uppon Tuesday the xxj^th^ of July in the afternoone about ij of the clocke, unlesse the Assises be cause to hinder it, &c.

At this daye the Lawdaye for this Boroughe (by adjornement) was holden.

Nomina Juratorum.

Peter Burmingham, primus	Johannes Turnour
Willelmus Wilmer, senior	Edward Strowd
Johannes Cole	Nathaniell Jemott
Willelmus Wimpey	Ricardus George
Robertus Creed	Walter Fynmore
Thomas Pococke	Johannes Arther
George Feild	Ricardus East
Johannes Harris	Steven Remnant
Arthur Liford	Mathewe Turnour.

x° Junii, 1629.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Robert Maulthus *, Mr. William Maulthus *, Mr. Roger Knight *, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger *, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

Robert Bent, John Dewell, Anthony Brackston *, Arther Curtys, Richard Burren, George Thorne.

[No business recorded for this day.]

[p. 47.] Tuesdaye, 16° Junii, 1629, ac 5° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus *, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger *, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

* Marked as absent.

John Saunders, Esquire *, John Newman *, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell *, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arthur Curtis, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns *.

At this daye lettres from St. John Baptist Colledge in Oxon, concer[ning] the resignacion of Mr. Thomas Turnour, late Fellowe of the Colled[ge], whereby a place is made voide belonginge to this Schoole to th'end eleccion of a scholler capable of the place maye be made, were openly read, &c.

Willyam Brackston Robert Winche Andrewe Bird William Creed	IIIIIIIIIIIIII [14]. Schollers put in eleccion.

William Brackston, aged 16 yeares, sonne of Anthony Brackston, a towardly younge scholler of this Schoole, was elected to be scholler of St. John's Colledge in Mr. Thomas Turnour's place.

Tuesdaye, 23° Junii, 1629.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger *, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, John Bagley, John Jenyns.

At this daye the certificate of the eleccion of the said William Bracksto[n] in and to the place in St. John's Colle[dge] in Oxon was sealed, and by the Magistrates subscribed. The lettre and copye of the aunswere is uppon the file of that yeare. Per W. W[ilmer].

Memorandum, at this daye the sheepe pens were in question, and it was agreed that those whiche sett them out shall paye the arrerages, as was agreed in the yere Mr. William Maulthus was Mayour, after the rate of ij*d.* a foote, and soe yerely henceforwardes, otherwise they shalbe removed. And fourthwith reviewed and in question agayne by this Companye.

* Marked as absent.

[p. 48.] Wensdaye, j° Julii, 1629, et 5° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight *, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger *, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

John Saunders, Esquire, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche *, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arthur Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren *, John Jenyns *.

Joane Messenger, spinster, complayneth that she is with childe, begotten by Maurys Grene, her Master's sonne. He had carnall knowledge of her body in her Master's house. She hath dwelt there ij yeres. xxj*s*. vj*d*. in her purse.

William Greene hath promised to geve bond to discharge the Towne of the childe.

Memorandum, at this daye it was moved and considered on, what this Corporacion shall present to the Kinge's Majestie at his cominge into this Towne in progresse. Refer'd till another tyme. 29° Julii. Referd till Mondaye next.

Agreed that 50*li*. to beare generall charges to the officers and others shalbe raised and provided.

At this daye Willyam Lovejoy, blacksmyth, and Thomas Walker, his apprentice, beinge agreed to release eache other of the apprentishippe, and to be quite one against the other, cancelled the Indentures, &c., by consent.

Wensdaye, 8 Julii, 1629.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger *, Mr. Walter Bateman *, Mr. Anthony Knight.

At this daye xl*s*. uppon certificate under Mr. Taylour's hand, testifyeinge the mariage and service of Margaret Collyns, was allowed to be paid her by the Cofferer.

At this daye the Sergeant brought in and delivered in parte of the amerciamentes; iij gilt boles of Mr. Iremonger's; in money, vij*li*.

* Marked as absent.

[p. 49.] Assises. Memorandum, the Assises were holden at Abingdon th[e] . . . . . and x^th^ of July, 1629, and 5to regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc., at whiche tyme and place all the examynacions, informacions and recognizaunces taken in Reading were certified and attended to th'end according[ly].

Sessiones Pacis. Memorandum the Sessions for the Peace were holden at Wallingford the 14th of July, 1629, at whiche tyme and place all examynacions and recognizaunces had and taken in Readinge since the last Quarter Sessions at Newberye were there certified and attended accordingly, &c.

Tuesdaye, 21° Julii, 1629.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayour*, and Sir Edward Clerke, Knight, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger *, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

John Saunders, Esquire, John Newman *, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arthur Curtys, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye the undertakers Clothiers made their accomptes of the employment of the stocke, etc., prout in libro.

Postea, 22° Julii, 1629, ac 5to regni regis Caroli Anglie.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayour*. Sir Edward Clerke, Knight, John Saunders, Esquire, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Walter Bateman.

John Nashe, constable, Thomas Beddall, Francis Thackham jurati fuerunt ad testificandum et dicendum veritatem versus Johannem Browne in causa contemptus versus Majorem et . . . . . pro malis gerendis versus Majorem, etc. Coram Edwardo Clerke, milite, et Johanne Saunders, armigero.

Memorandum, Johannes Browne cognovit se debere domino Regi xx*li.*		quod ipse compareat ad pro[ximam] Sess[ionem Pacis] et quod in[terim] se bene [geret,] etc.
Willelmus Wilmer, senior, et Johannes Atkyns manuceperunt separatim	x*li.*	

* Marked as absent.

[p. 50.] 22° (?) Julii, 1629. Coram Nicholao Gunter, generoso, *Majore.*

[Ad Sessiones Pacis, *in margin.*] [9] John Atkins complayneth that he feareth that Abraham Garnett will beate him.

Abraham Garnett cognovit se debere domino Regi x*li.*, Georgius Dewell, manucaptor, cognovit se debere domino Regi v*li.*, quod ipse compareat ad proximas Sessiones Pacis ad respondendum, etc., et quod tenet pacem domini Regis, etc., et precipue versus Johannem Atkins.

Tunc concordantur et retrahitur hæc recognicio.

23° Julii, 1629. Coram Nicholao Gunter, generoso, *Majore*, Thoma Turnour et Christofero Turnour.

[Ad Sessiones Pacis, *in margin.*] Johannes Johnson complayneth and taketh his corporall oath that he feareth that John Browne, cardmaker, will beate him.

Johannes Browne cognovit se debere domino Regi x*li.*
Willelmus Collis et
Daniel Browne, manucaptores, separatim cognoverunt deberi domino Regi v*li.*
} quod ipse compareat ad proximas Sessiones Pacis ad respondendum et quod tenet pacem domini Regis, etc., et precipue versus Johannem Johnson.

Johannes Browne XX,
Willelmus Collis W, Daniel Browne 7.

27 Julii, 1629.

Tranasey [?] Evans, Gregory Harvey [?], Richard Goffe, all vagrantes, sent to the House of Correccion.

Thomas Burches [*blank*].

[p. 51.] Tuesdaye, 28° Julii, 1629.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight *, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger *, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

John Saunders, Esquire, John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell *,

[9] The entry for this day is crossed through.

* Marked as absent.

George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys *, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

Consideracion. As touchinge the Kinge's Majestie's com[inge] in progresse to this Towne ref[er'd] to consideracion, prout 29° Julii.

The questions arisen concerning Mr. Kendricke's busynes is refer'd till the next meetinge, prout, etc.

[p. 52.] 1° (?) Augusti, 1629. Coram Nicholao Gunter, generoso, *Majore.*

Nicholas Puckridge, of Bagshott in com. Surrey, yeoman, being in Reading markett buyeinge ij bushells of wheate, had his purse taken out of his hose, with xxiiij*s.* in it, beinge loaded and carryeing his ij b[ushells of] wheate to the inne, this fellowe in question tooke his purse from him, for this complainant layeing hold on him he lett his purse fall from him in that place where he staid him.

[Ad Assisas proximas, *in margin.*] Nicholas Puckridge cognovit se debere domino Regi xl*li.* quod ipse [compareat] ad proximas Assisas tenendas in comitatu Berkes ad prosequendum versus Thomam Taylour.

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Th'examynacion of Thomas Taylour, of Dublyn, in Ireland, ship-carpenter.

Saith he came yesterday from London where he had byn to see his uncle, a tapster, at the White Hart in Holborne, and the last night lodged at Maydenhead, but remembret not the Signe, and came into this Towne this daye about xij of clocke; and being demaunded the cause of his beinge in the markett place, said he did go to see the markett, beinge the waye to passe towardes Bristoll, and absolutely denyed the takinge and havinge the purse and money; and beinge booted and spurd hath noe horse nor had any goeinge nor cominge, nor noe company, man nor woman, nor nowe any money in his purse. Comitted to Gaole.

[p. 53.] Tuesdaye, 4° Augusti, 1629, ac 5° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayour.* Sir Edward Clerk, Knight, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Ironmonger *, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

* Marked as absent.

John Saunders, Esquire, John Newman, William Kendricke*, Richard Winche*, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne*, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtice, John Bagley*, Richard Burren, John Jenyns*.

At this daye theise proposicions propounded and resolved for [the] Kinge's Majestie's coming:

1. A present to be provided for his M[ajestie], a guilt cuppe of 20*li.* value, at least.

2. Another for the Queene.

3. Fees for the Officers to be pa[id] as they shall arise.

4. Howe and where to have money to beare charges, &c.

Agreed that 50*li.* towardes the bearing of chardges shalbe borrowed and taken upp by the Cofferers, and consideracion shalbe paid by this Company soe beinge as it shall contynue unpaid, and it is alsoe agreed that this Company shall provide that the Cofferers shall in convenyent tyme be discharged of their bond. And that the Cofferers shall laye out all the other moneys that shalbe needed besides the 50*li.*

5. Agreed alsoe that Mr. Blake shall to-morrowe goe to London and there with the helpe of Mr. Kendricke provide the cuppe, &c., and bringe it home with him.

[p. 54.] 11° Augusti, 1629. Coram Nicholao Gunter, generoso, *Majore.*

[Ad Sessionem Pacis proximam, vizt. *in margin.*] Jane Knight, single woman, nowe dwellinge at Winsor, saith she is great with childe, begotten by John Loveland, of St. Marye's parishe in Readinge, and that they being servantes togither at Mr. Farrers in Readinge two yeares last past, he had the use of her body . . . . . but . . . . . when she cannott well relate, &c.

Johannes Loveland cognovit se debere domino Regi x*li.* . . } quod ipse compareat ad proximam Sessionem Pacis ad respondendum ad omnia, etc.

Willelmus Newton, yeoman } manuceperunt separatim, v*li.*
Johannes Barrett, cordwayner } manuceperunt separatim, v*li.*

Signum ∧ dicti Johannis Loveland
W^m. Newtoun

Signum ⋈ dicti Johannis Barrett.

* Marked as absent.

Tuesdaye [1], 12° Augusti, 1629.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayour*. Sir Edward Clerke, Knight, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus *, Mr. Roger Knight *, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger *, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

John Saunders, Esquire, John Newman *, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell *, George Thorne *, John Blake *, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys *, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye nothinge was in question but Mr. Kendricke's busynes.

[p. 55.] Fridaye, 14° Augusti, 1629, et 5° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Robert Maulthus Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Walter Bateman.

Sessio seu curia Clerici Markett hospitii domini Regis, etc., per Carolum Walker, deputatum Hugonis Mann, armigeri.

Nomina Juratorum ad inquirendum pro domino Rege, etc.

Peter Burningham	Walter Fynmore
John Turnour	Steven Remna[nt]
Richard George	George Feild
Edward Strowd	Mathewe Turnour
John Harrys	James West
Thomas Pococke	Nathaniell Jenn . . .
Thomas Richardes	Arther Liford
William Wimpey	

Henry Adkyns [and] Robert Creed, jurati, to trye the measures, ad supervisionem mensurarum.

Wensdaye, 19° Augusti, 1629, et 5° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, generosus, *Maiour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour *, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger *, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

[1] Probably a mistake for *Wednesday*. * Marked as absent.

John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

21° Augusti, 1629. Coram Nicholao Gunter, generoso, *Majore.*

Alice Poynter, widowe, hath taken her oath she is in feare that Elizabeth Cane, the wife of Symon Cane, will beat her, &c.

Simo Cane, de, etc., domino Regi x*li.*	cognovit se debere	quod predicta Elizabetha compareat ad proximam Sessionem Pacis ad respondendum, et quod interim, etc.
Ricardus Walker, et Robertus Sawyer, de, etc.,	manuceperunt separatim sub pena v*li.*	

[Signed] S., r, Robert Sayer.

[p. 56.] Mondaye, 24 [?] Augusti, 1629, ac 5to regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc., coram Nicholao Gunter, *Majore.*

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour*, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger*, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthony Knight.

At this daye it was agreed the Sergeantes shall have iiij*s.* in the pound for their paynes for collectinge the amerciamentes for this tyme, but this shalbe noe president for the tyme to come.

Richard Mafferlyn, sonne of John, 5 yeres placed with Thomas Plomridge, brickmaker.

[p. 57.] Eleccion daye, Tuesdaye, 1° Septembris, 1629, ac 5to regni regis C[aroli].

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayour.* Sir Edward Clerke, Knight*, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, *egrotatus*, Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Anthonye Knight.

Secondarye Burgesses.

John Saunders, Esq., John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, *egrotatus*, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, *absens*, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys, *absens*, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

* Marked as absent.

At this daye the said Mayour and Capitall Burgesses, by direccions of their chartre, did nomynate and appoynt 3 of the said Capitall Burgesses to sitt in eleccion, for one of those 3, by the Mayour and Burgesses to be elected Mayour for the next yeare, as by their chartre is required, vizt.

1. Mr. Walter Bateman—IIIIIIIIIIIIII [14]. Mayour elect.
2. Mr. Thomas Turnour.
3. Mr. Anthony Knight.

4 Septembris, 1629. Coram Nicholao Gunter, generoso, *Majore*, etc.

Elizabeth Cane, wief to Symon Cane, of Readinge, hath taken her corporall oath that she is afraid that Alice Poynter, widowe, and Alice Poynter, her daughter, spinster, will beate, kill or doe her some bodily harme. Craveth security to walke in peace.

[Ad Sessionem Pacis proximam, *in margin.*] Agnes Ungle saith she hath seene her come home once or twise a daye since she tooke oath to the contrary, etc., prout, etc.

Testes. Mary Garland, wief to Humfry Garland, saith to the same effect, prout, etc.

[p. 58.] Wensdaye, 9° Septembris, 1629, et 5to regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Maiour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus *, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger *, Mr. Walter Bateman *, Mr. Anthony Knight.

At this daye the amerciamentes for the Law-daye and for amerciamentes before the Clerke of the Markett were accompted and paid in by the Sergeantes that collected them.

For amerciamentes of the Lawdaye holden at Michaellmas last, and for amerciamentes of the Clerke of the Markett, in the yeare Mr. Iremonger was Mayour, there was collected in all xviij*li.* iiij*d.*

Whereof paid the Sergeantes . .	iij*li.*	
Item paid the 3 hogherdes . . .		xv*s.*
Item paid Mr. A. Knight . . .	iiij*li.*	

* Marked as absent.

Item paid Gregory Steven . . iiij*d.*
Soe rest to the Cofferer . . .
Item collected of the amerciamentes of the Kinge's Clerke of the Markett in the verge, &c. iij*li.*
Whereof paid the ij Aletasters . . xx*s.*
Soe rest to the Cofferer . . .

[p. 59] Mondaye, 14° Septembris, 1629, et 5to regni Regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayour.* Sir Edward Clerke, Knight, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger*, Mr. Walter Bateman, elect, Mr. Anthony Knight.

John Saunders, Esq., John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtis, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

At this daye the orders for the disposinge of the comon stocke, beinge 3600*li*, agreed.

The orders for the overseer of the sheremen, wevers and burlers agreed.

And the condicion of the bond agreed to be made perfect, etc.

Whereas 100*li.* of Sir Thomas White's guift is due at Michaell-[mas] next to pe paid in and lent agayn for other x yeres, nowe at this daye it was agreed and eleccion made of iiij^{or} young men, Clothiers, whiche, findinge securitye, shall have the 100*li.* by 25*li.* a man, vizt.

25*li.* John Chaundler	Mr. George Thorne John Osgood Thomas Champe
25*li.* Thomas Froome	Mr. John Curtis Henry Alright Mr. Berma . . . Breede
25*li.* John Pair	Mr. John Blake Edward Baker Richard Birche

* Marked as absent.

25*li.* Ralfe Spier	Alexander Heyes William Grove Francis Alright, jur. [?]

[p. 60.] Wensdaye, 17° Septembris, 1629, et 5° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayour.* Mr. Walter Bateman *, Mayour elect, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger *, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

John Saunders, Esq., John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent *, William Brackston *, John Dewell *, George Thorne *, John Blake *, Anthony Brackston *, Arther Curtys *, John Bagley *, Richard Burren *, John Jenyns *.

Memorandum, Edward Shipwey. Agreed withall.

The orders well liked on.

Memorandum, Mr. Palmer's guift at quarter-daye.

The condicion well liked on.

The amerciamentes refer'd.

The wevers' accomptes and shereman's accomptes refer'd till the next fitt tyme.

At this daye Edward Shippey did bargayne and agree to doe the office of skavenger from Michaellmas next for one whole yeare, vizt: he hath promised well and sufficiently to clense, sweepe, ridd and carrye awaye, weekly and every weeke, all the soile arisinge in and about the Markett places and Markett streetes hereafter named, vizt. from the Sun dore upwardes all that streete to Thomas Thackham's hall doore; from thence all the streete opposite at the Butcher rewe end to John Dewell's hall doore; from thence all the Markett streetes and Markett place upwardes to the Walke and from and by all the Walke to the Counter doore; from thence all the Markett place and streetes downewards by the Shoomaker rewe unto the Smythes dore next to the Taylours doore there. And he shall alsoe weekly, or soe often as need shalbe, clense, ridd and carrye awaye all the soile arisinge in about the Grate in the Towne, usually ridd at the Towne charges. And for his paynes and wages he shall have this yeare xv*li.* paid him quarterly by the Cofferer. Provided

* Marked as absent.

alwayes that he shall geve warninge at Midsomer next, if he purpose to leave the office. And he to hold at the will of this Companye, and to have a quarter's warninge to be gone, if they dislike.

[p. 61.] Fridaye, 18° Septembris, 1629, ac 5to regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc. Quarter-daye.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayour*. Mr. Walter Bateman, elect, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus *, Mr. Roger Knight *, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger *, Mr. Anthony Knight *.

Secondarye Burgesses.

John Saunders, Esq., John Newman, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arthur Curtice, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

Memorandum, to call Dany[ell] Blagrave.

Memorandum, at this daye the qu . . . . . for the last yeare w . . . . . taken out of chest a[nd] delivered to Mr. Thoma[s] Turnour.

At this daye Thomas Lowgrove made another request to have his rent abated. Agreed that he must content himself and pay his rent, as he is bound to paye untill furth[er] cause be knowne to this Company.

The condicion of the bond is agreed upon, and the orders are alsoe agreed to stand and be observed by the undertakers Clothiers.

23° Septembris, 1629, et 5to regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayour*, and Sir Edward Clerke, Knight, Mr. Walter Bateman, elect, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus *, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Cristofer Turnour *, Mr. William Iremonger *, Mr. Anthony Knight, *mortuus est*, John Saunders, Esq.

Thomas Wylder, a blynde boye, for abusing Mr. Mayour and the Magistrates by makinge and singing abusive sonnettes, &c., of and against them, comitted to Ward per predictos Justiciarios usque diem Veneris.

* Marked as absent.

[p. 62.] [W]ensdaye, 30 Septembris, 1629.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayour.* Mr. Walter Bateman, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, *egrotatus.*

John Harrison this daye fortnight to bringe sureties.

To Mr. Robert Reve xx*s.* for his charges and paynes in carryeinge the certificate.

At this daye Mr. John Newman was chosen to be a Capitall Burgesse in the place and roome of Mr. Anthony Knight, deceassed. And at this daye and tyme the said Mr. Newman did take oath to doe the office of a Capitall Burgesse, &c.

And at this daye it was thought fitt by the Company present that every Capitall Burgesse when he cometh into the office of a Capitall Burgesse shall the first yeare sitt in eleccion and in the first place.

p. 63. [Boroughe of Readinge, scil. *in margin.*] Mondaye the vth of October, 1629, et v^o^ regni regis Caroli, etc.

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Nicholas Gunter, *Mayour.* Sir Edward Clerke, Knight, Mr. Walter Bateman, elect, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger, *egrotatus*, Mr. John Newman.

Secondary Burgesses.

John Saunders, Esquire*, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arthur Curtis, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns, absent.

At this daye the said Mr. Walter Bateman, the elected Mayour, by directions of the charter, in the presens of his last predecessour M[ayour], did take 1. oath of Supremac[y], 2. oath of Mayour and Justice of Peace, 3. oath of Clarke of the Markett. And the said Mayour did then name and appoint Cofferers, Constables and Wardens for the yeare to come.

* Marked as absent.

John Blake Anthony Brackston	Cofferers.
Simon Dye Richard Horsington	Constables.
Edward Strowd William Goodale	gardiani Alte Garde, jurati.
Ralfe Spier John Baker	gardiani London Garde, jurati.
Lawrence Evens Robert Staples	gardiani Minster Garde.
George Cole Robert Webb	gardiani de Nova Garda.
Thomas Champe Peter Frauncis	gardiani de Vetere Garda.

[p. 64.] Tuesdaye, 6° Octobris, 1629, et 5to regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc., Law-daye.

Mr. Walter Bateman, *Mayour.* Sir Edward Clerke, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Robert Maulthus *, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Newman.

John Blake *, Arther Curtis *, John Bagley *.

At this daye the Law-daye was holden for this Boroughe.

Nomina Juratorum.

Edward Baker, primus	John Evans
John Nashe, senior	Robert Jones
John Mylles	Richard Hussey
Thomas Bateman	Thomas Lawrence
Henry Plomer	William Mathewe
Henry Alright	Thomas Iremonger
John Johnson	John Saunders
William Wylmer	Timothie Banister.
John Myles, sadler	

Thomas Smeeth Robert Wheeler	clothiers, jurati scrutatores pannorum et cognoverunt separatim 40*li.*
Edward Brackston John Creed	jurati scrutatores carnium.

* Marked as absent.

Salomon Barnard } scrutatores piscium.
Barton Turnour

Willelmus Sidbury } jurati scrutatores cor[ei].
Johannes Miles
Henry Osborne

Th'accomptes for the House of Correccion, prout patet in illo libro.

[p. 65.] Fridaye, 9° Octobris, 1629, ac 5to regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Walter Bateman, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus*, Mr. Willyam Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger*, Mr. John Newman.

John Saunders, Esq., Willyam Kendricke*, Richard Winche*, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys*, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

[No business recorded for this day.]

[p. 66.] Mondaye, 19° Octobris, 1629, et 5to regni regis Anglie, etc.

Mr. Walter Bateman, *Maiour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger*, Mr. John Newman.

John Saunders, Esq., William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtys*, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns*.

Agreed that Mr. Anthony Brackston, the Cofferer, for charitable uses, shall from hencefourth receive the rentes for morninge prayer, and hencefourth paye it to Mr. Allen, the minister, &c.

As touchinge the decayed foote-bridges and plankes nere Caversham Bridge, referd to Mr. Gunter to be considered on, and to consult with Mr. Atkyns, &c.

At this daye the securities for and concerninge the performaunce of the articles for the comon stocke were questioned, and then agreed

* Marked as absent.

Mondaye, 16° Novembris, 1629, et 5to regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Walter Bateman, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter *, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger *, Mr. John Newman.

John Saunders, Esq. *, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell *, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arthur Curtys, John Bagley[2], [R]ichard Burren, [Jo]hn Jenyns.

Memorandum, whereas Mr. Christofer Turnour hath and holdeth by lease of this Company, for 99 yeares, dependinge uppon the lives of his wief and two of his sonnes, a certen messuage or tenement and backside in the south side of Castell streete, in Readinge, at and for the rent of xx*s.* per annum, whiche house is in great decaye and needeth to be newe buylt; nowe at this daye, in consideracion that the said Mr. Turnour shall bestowe one hundred poundes, at the least, in newe buyldinge or repayringe the said house [now Mrs. Mill's, *in margin*], yt was this daye agreed, that if the said Mr. Turnour shall survive and overlive the 3 lives named in the lease, he, the said Mr. Turnour, shall then afterwardes hould the same house duringe his lief, at and for the same rent and under the same covenantes as nowe he doth hold the same.

Memorandum, the xij*d.* a weeke of Mr. Deane's guift, by the death of Peter Hardye, which late had it for his relief, was this daye geven to John Sturdye of St. Giles' parishe for his comfort.

[p. 69.] Wensdaye, [*blank*] Novembris, 1629, ac 5to regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Walter Bateman, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus *, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger *, Mr. John Newman.

Vincent Lancellus, Arrabian by nation and Doctour of Fisicke, per licenciam sub sigillo prerogative in nomine Georgii, providencia divina, Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi, tocius Anglie Primatis et

* Marked as absent. [2] MS. mutilated here.

Metropolitani, datam 26° die mensis Octobris, 1629, admissus fuit ad utendum facultate infra libertatem, etc.

Nicolaus Weston, registrarius.

30 Novembris, 1629, ac 5to regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

William Perrye and Richard Weekes, his Majestie's sworne servantes, licensed with the rest of their company, John Kerke, Edward Armiger, Hughe Tatterdell, Deavid (?) Ferris, Robert Hint and George Williams, all of the Red Bull company, by the Master of the Revells; dated the tenth of November, 1629.

7° Decembris, 1629.

Uppon th'accomptes of and for the House of Correccion, and for the amerciamentes of the Lawdaye and for the Clerke of the Markett, for and in the yere Mr. Gunter was Mayour, there was paid to Mr. Blake, the Cofferer, all thinges paid as by bill appeareth:

For the House of Correccion . .	ix*li.*		
Of the amerciamentes of the Clerk of Market	iij*li.*	x*s.*	
Of the amerciamentes of the Lawday .		liij*s.*	iiij*d.*
Of defaultes for hogges and other thinges .		xx*s.*	
Of freedome money for apprentices .		xxx*s.*	
And paid awaye about the Hall affaires, as appeareth . . .	xiiij*li.*	vj*s.*	viij*d.*

[p. 70.] Wensdaye, 16 Decembris, 1629, an[n]oque regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc., 5°.

Mr. Walter Bateman, *Mayour.* Sir Edward Clerke, Knight, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus *, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight *, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger *, Mr. John Newman.

At this daye it was ordered, as touchinge the moneys to be geven to charitable uses to the poore at this tyme, that the iiij*li.* of Mr. Kemishe's guift shalbe to:

x in St. Giles' parishe,
ix in St. Lawrence parishe and
v in St. Marie's parishe.

* Marked as absent.

The iiij*li.* of Mr. Hamblen's guift to:
iiij in St. Lawrence parishe,
iiij in St. Giles' parishe, and to
ij in St. Marie's parishe.

The ten shirtes and smockes to:
4 in St. Giles' parishe,
3 in St. Lawrence parishe,
3 in St. Marie's parishe.

Memorandum, at this daye alsoe the said Mayour and Magistrates, havinge consideracion that Mr. Thomas Williamson, one of the Atturnyes of the Court, in and for this Boroughe of Readinge, in this last terme was called to the barre to be a Counsellour at Lawe, and that John Curtys, another of th'Attornyes of this Court, in th'end of this last terme dyed, they did this daye and yere name and apoynt Walter Knight, servant to Sir Edward Clerke, Knight, and Edward Wylmer, one of the sonnes of Willyam Wylmer, th'elder, to be Attornyes in this Court, and at this daye were both admitted and did take oath accordinglye.

Thursdaye, 17 Decembris, 1629, ac 5to regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Walter Bateman, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus*, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. William Iremonger*, Mr. John Newman.

At this daye the Hall accomptes were made by Mr. John Blake, cofferer:

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Rentes certen	209	13	10
Quitrentes	000	08	04
Encrochmentes . . .	000	07	02
Casualties, all duties paid . .	036	00	04
Summa totalis .	245	18	7 [*sic*]
Newe arrerages deducted . .	006	00	1
Rest . .	239	18	6

* Marked as absent.

	li.	s.	d.
Ordinary paymentes . . .	141	15	07
Extraordinary	086	07	0
More expended . . .	000	08	0
	228	10	4 [*sic*]
Rest due to pay debtes . . .	11	08	2
Arrerages	06	00	1

[p. 71.] Quarter-daye, Fridaye, xviij° die Decembris, 1629, et 5° regni regis Ca[roli Anglie, etc.]

Capitall Burgesses.

Mr. Walter Bateman, *Mayour*. Sir Edward Clerke, Knight *, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Willyam Iremonger *, Mr. John Newman.

Secondarye Burgesses.

John Saunders, Esquire, William Kendricke, Richard Winche, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell *, George Thorne, John Blake, Anthony Brackston, Arther Curtis, John Bagley, Richard Burren, John Jenyns.

As touchinge the arrerages of Mr. Palmer's guift, it is ordered that a legall course shalbe taken therein as shalbe directed and advised by Sir Edward Clerke and Mr. Sanders.

Lease. At this daye it was granted that the Widowe Sone shall hold her shoppe at the rent her husband paid, she gevinge bond with sureties for payment of her rent.

Lease. At this daye a lease was graunted to Richard Godderd of his dwelling house for xxj yeres at iiij*li.* x*s.* per annum, under usuall covenauntes, &c.

Clement Kente's peticion refer'd till the next quarter-daye to be considered on.

At this daye Nathaniell Gerrard, late apprentice to David Elkes, clothier, 7 yeres by indenture, approved by his master, yett he was admitted per composicionem et solvit 30*s.*

Tuesdaye senight to finishe the assurances and bondes for 300*li.*, 100*li.*, and 25*li.*, if [*sic*].

* Marked as absent.

24° die Decembris, 1629.

At this daye Joseph Moore, Alexander Forster, Robert Guilman and John Towensend, sworne servantes to his Majestie, with the rest of their Company, licensed from tyme to tyme to practise the quallitie of playeing, came and tendred their licence to play in the Towne Hall; dated the 15th of December, 1628, annoque regni regis Caroli 4°: xx*s.* was geven to forbeare their playeing at this tyme.

[p. 72.] Tuesdaye, 29° Decembris, 1629, ac 5to regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Walter Bateman, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Nicholas Gunter, Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. William Maulthus, Mr. Roger Knight, Mr. Christofer Turnour*, Mr. William Iremonger*, Mr. John Newman.

John Saunders, Esquire, William Kendricke, Richard Winche*, Robert Bent, William Brackston, John Dewell, George Thorne, John Blake*, Anthony Brackston, Arthur Curtys, John Bagley*, Richerd Burren, John Jenyns*.

[No business recorded for this day.]

* Marked as absent.

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